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2 DOC officers arrested for police brutality

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» Inmate allegedly beat up inside his cell; beating caught by surveillance camera

Police arrested on Friday the two Department of Corrections officers who were investigated for police brutality after they allegedly beat up an inmate inside his cell at DOC in Susupe last April 1.

Corrections Officer Ray Anthony Maratita Camacho, 36, was arrested after he surrendered to the Department of Public Safety in Susupe at 8:20am.

Corrections Officer Admisen Dasio Haddy, 48, was arrested in As Lito at 10:55am.

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Kia'aina, Gulick hear first-hand tales of CW crisis

» Chamber reiterates call for developers to pull construction workers off CW quota

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Kia'aina

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U.S. government officials heard first-hand from business and community groups affected by the federal government's breached cap on contract workers this year and the plight of these affected workers under a system that does not prioritize renewals of long-term workers and will have over a thousand of these workers pack their bags and leave the CNMI up to the end of the fiscal year in October.

Mami Ikeda, one of those who spoke for affected contract workers in the meetings at Office of the Governor on Saturday, said she broke down when she started talking about her family, who had lived on island for decades and are buried here. Ikeda she asked the federal officials—who included

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Team CNMI makes history at NSDA

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» Wolf is national declamation champion

Eleven-year-old Jonathan Wolf made CNMI history last week as the first middle school student from the Pacific Islands District to win a championship trophy at the annual speech and debate tournament coordinated by the National Speech and Debate Association in Salt Lake City, Utah. He won the history-making trophy with his interpretation of Patrick Henry's famous 1775 speech, "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death."

As one of the youngest competitors, the 6th grade student from Dan Dan Middle School, in his first-ever trip to the weeklong tournament, bagged his first place trophy competing against hundreds of competitors in the Declamation category. Wolf

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THOMAS MANGLONA II
Middle school champion Jonathan Wolf, center, poses for a photo with fellow winners, participants, and coaches of the middle school and high school division of the National Speech and Debate Association. The team representing the CNMI participated in the annual weeklong annual tilt, which was hosted in Salt Lake City, Utah this year.

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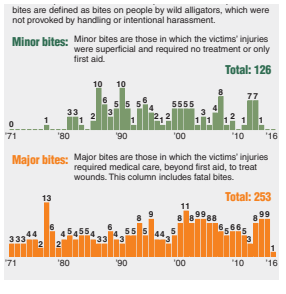
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New adventure begins for Masilungan, 21 others

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Grace Christian Academy's graduating class of 2016 show off their wacky side after officially completing high school in last Friday's commencement exercise held inside the GCM chapel in Navy Hill.

Camille Joy Perez Masilungan and 21 of her classmates ended their journey at Grace Christian Academy and the Eagles' Class of 2016's Valedictorian said "the next adventure begins." She said that all have fond memories at GCA but is now slowly realizing another part of their quest.

"We are forced to realize the unfamiliar and uncertain journey that is college," said Masilungan, in her valedictory address in GCA's commencement exercises held last Friday at the school's chapel in Navy Hill.

"Many of us are struck with the more daunting idea of being away from home, meeting people who do not share the same opinions as we do, picking out a potential career, and so much more. We tend to forget that we have a God beyond such uncertainties."

She then reminded her classmates of the passage in Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

"This verse applies completely to us as we have to realize our capability for greater things, our ability to attain our goals, and our potential to become people worthy of pride despite the past, wealth, and doubt," said Masilungan.

"Because we have a God that stands by us, people who believe in us, and a school that has taught us everything academically and spiritually we would need to succeed."

She added: "as we go on toward the dreams we chase and the roads we have yet to travel, know that we already have 18 years worth of encouragement, love, faith, and determination to overcome the unnerving future before us, as we have finally reached and conquered this milestone."

Masilungan then challenged her classmates to "brace the intimidating obstacles and new experiences, be thankful with full hearts, and work towards becoming the inspirations others aspire to be."

Salutatorian Ellie Grace Eichenberger, in her speech, congratulated her classmates "on completing this period of your lives. Never again will you walk into the GCA cafeteria and groan over the food or be required to write a 10-page research paper."

"Instead, you will groan over having to pay your own food and writing a 30-page research paper in college. Don't worry I have faith that all of you can do it. GCA has prepared you well."

She then advised her fellow graduates not to give up on their dreams. "As we move toward the next period of our lives, adulthood, I encourage you to never give up on your goals. Just as my parents have taught me to never give up on my dreams."

"If you have a dream that God has placed in your heart, don't ever give up until it becomes a reality. If that dream is God's will, nothing can stand in your way. Life will be hard and we will face trials as we leave these buildings."

"However, do not let those trials keep you down on the ground. Stand up and try again. God will carry you. I wish all of you the best in your future plans. May they be everything you hoped, and more," said Eichenberger.

Big Korean corporation seeks DHS, USCIS help over CW crisis

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A Korean company that operates many businesses on Tinian and Saipan, including a plantation of hot pepper on a 30-hectare land and a nursery garden with a million noni trees, is among the many businesses in the CNMI that is greatly affected by the CW crisis.

Huang Shun Corp. wrote a letter on Saturday to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to seek help as 11 of its employees, mostly long-term foreign workers, are affected with the CW1 2016 cap.

Huang Shun Corp. general manager Yuren Huang also stated in the letter that their manpower is short of 50 people in the farm alone.

"We cannot afford to lose our good employees. The CW1 crisis is hitting hard on us as well as other businesses," Huang said.

» Among the company's businesses is plantation of hot peppers in 30-hectare land, 1 million noni trees in nursery garden

» Farming alone has shortage of 50 employees; 11 affected by CW crisis

Huang said they are seeking help from DHS and USCIS to immediately conduct a fast remedy on the CW1 crisis.

Huang Shun Corp. employs not only foreign workers but also many locals. The company began operation on Tinian in 2002, running a supermarket, hotel, restaurant, poker arcade, laundromat, farming, and wholesale store. In 2007, the corporation branched out to Saipan, operating the same businesses.

Huang Shun Corp. was among the many businesses that participated Saturday's gathering of foreign workers of different nationalities at the Kilili pavilion in Susupe, where they waived to motorists to show their gratitude to CNMI leaders who recommended for their improved immigration status.

The group asked the federal government to act immediately in addressing the CW crisis as many longtime workers, who have U.S. citizens, were already forced to leave the CNMI with their children left behind.

The gathering was spearheaded by a group called "We Dream Us One," which was formed a few weeks ago by Itos Torres Feliciano, Mami Ikeda, Glen Hunter, Amor Q. Zapanta, Won Jun Lee, Anna Chan, and Elitza Stoilova.

The Hotel Association of the NMI, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and the Northern Mariana Islands Chapter of the Society of Human Resource Management have joined the call for improved status for longtime foreign workers, revising an earlier joint resolution this month and aligning with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' push for improved status through ongoing "Section 902" talks with the White House.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) recently stated that he will be adding a call for improved status for longtime foreign workers in the CNMI.

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"iWalker" Travel Show in Saipan and Rota

SET Television "iWalker" filmed in Saipan in May 2016 for episodes that will air in Taiwan on June 21, June 5, and Sept. 6, 2016.

The show is recognized as one of the most popular travel show enjoyed by viewers of all ages in Asia. The travel show emphasized gourmet, fun factors and through show host James, along with guest hostesses Nita, introducing and sharing experiences and activities during the trip. While in Saipan and Rota, the show also shadowed Jeff Chen, the winner of the "2016 Intern to the Marianas" campaign.

The show will be aired in North America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, Hong Kong, Macau, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia. The show was also supported by Asiana Airlines. The estimate ad value of the show is $1.5-million.

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CUC unveils new 1M gallon water tank in Puerto Rico

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Joined by local and federal officials, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. on Friday unveiled its new 1 million gallon water reservoir in Puerto Rico, a newly completed project meant to go along with other water tank rehabilitation or reconstruction across the island.

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony early Friday morning, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres called the project a "milestone" in addressing the CNMI's water issues.

Visiting Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Esther Kia'aina, noted her pleasure at attending an event that had true impacts on its people. "Water is essential to life," she said. "We need to applaud the CNMI today… We can see a dramatic difference in 24-hour water service, from 26 percent to 90 percent water service. This is about getting the people's work done."

Providing some background on the project, CUC chief engineer for water and wastewater, John Riegel, said the project was funded 85 percent through the Economic Development Administration through the Office of Insular Affairs and the local Capitol Improvement Project funded the rest.

Construction cost was about $1.4 million, he said, and the engineering cost was about $150,000.

The contractor for construction was the AIC Construction and engineering was done by Duenas Camacho and Associates out of Guam. The main tank erector was the Tano Group.

"What we see behind of me, in front of you, is a 1-million gallon tank. It's a welded steel construction. It has a coating system on the inside… The original tank that stood here was also a million gallons. It was also a welded steel tank. It was built approximately in the 1970s. And several years ago there was an assessment of the tank and the steel plates had about 50 percent of the steel corroded, the rafters were disconnected so the ceiling of the tank was actually hanging on the shell," Riegel said.

"And so what was happening was the top was being concaved and when it rain it just collected water which is just more added weight on that roof and so tankers was at pretty severe threat of collapse."

Riegel went on to say that the tank was taken out of service and OIA was able to fund the new project, "and we now have a nice shiny tank." "This is a very important tank because it serves the main tourist area, Garapan, south of Garapan, Lower Base, where the power plant is, and also of course that's the main economic development area in Lower Base."

He added EDA has also funded a project to replace the water line down in Lower Base, where construction is about 90 percent complete.

EDA is also working on a sewer replacement project in Lower Base, he said.

Together, the tank and wastewater projects in Lower Base "are really going to provide an economic boost that is important."

In the meantime, he said CUC continues to work on other projects, as the Puerto Rico Tank is one of the 13 tanks that CUC has here on island.

Noting the big rusty tank on the drive up As Terlaje Hill, he said this tank, the NMC Tank, has project funded by EPA for its replacement which will go out to bid soon.

The Papago Tank is also under construction, according to Riegel, and is almost complete. The San Vicente Tank, which is also severely rusted with a concaved roof, is also eyed for fixing.

"All of these tank projects are creating the necessary stores we need on the system," Riegel said.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, fifth from right, and Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina, fourth from right, led the ribbon-cutting ceremony that inaugurated the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s new 1-million water in Puerto Rico last Friday.

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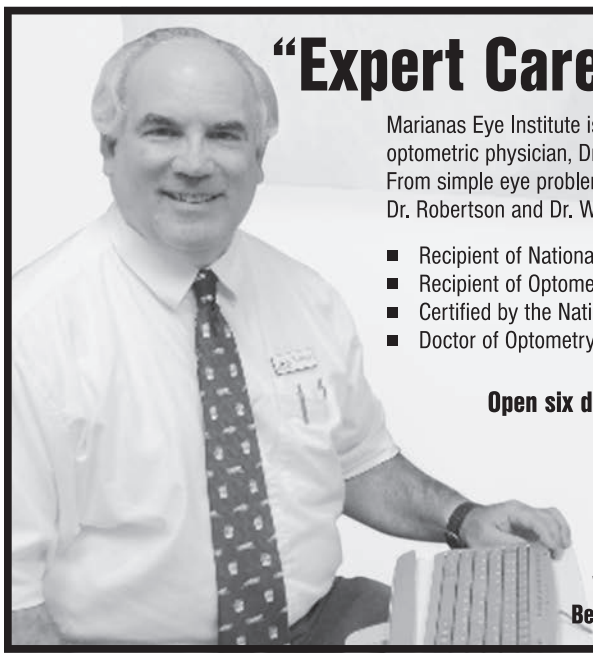

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MVA general membership meeting this Thursday

The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold its semi-annual general membership meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2016, at Royal Taga Ballroom, Saipan World Resort at 10am. Registration will begin at 9:30am. In order to ensure quorum, all members are reminded to RSVP by Monday's deadline, June 20.

The guest speaker will be Michael Merner, chairman of AVIAREPS Marketing Garden, which operates MVA's representative offices in Japan, Korea, China, Russia, Taiwan, and the Philippines. Merner will update members on key trends in each market over the last year and the outlook for arrivals in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for the coming year. The MVA's recovery plan for the crucial Japan market will be share, as well as how the MVA is developing new growth markets in the Philippines and Hong Kong.

Elections for four positions on the MVA Board of Directors will also be held. Members voting by proxy must fill out a proxy form prior to the meeting. The nominees are: Kazusuke Fukuju, Pacific Micronesian Tours; Jerry Tan, Tan Holdings Corp.; Christopher Nelson, KMCV, LLC; Vicky Benavente, Pacific Islands Club Saipan; Nick Nishikawa, Hyatt Regency Saipan; Wendi Herring, Kanoa Resort; Gloria Cavanagh, Mariana Resort & Spa; Michael Demapan, Saipan Stevedore; Paula Monk, United Airlines; Dennis Yoshimoto, Micronesian Brokers Inc.; Edvon Sze, Alter City Group; Elitza Stoilova, Mango Resort; James Nelson, Sorenson Pacific Broadcasting; and Alex Youn, AC Pacific LLC/I LOVE SAIPAN. Nominations are now closed.

The meeting cost is $16/person for MVA members and non-members and includes lunch.

The MVA welcomes new businesses, agencies and individuals who want to actively participate in the Northern Marianas' top industry as MVA members. Membership is $100 annually and includes detailed visitor statistics each month; opportunities to join promotional events targeting Japan, Korea, and other markets; the opportunity to promote member services on the five language-specific websites of the MVA; and more.

For more information, a member application, or to RSVP, contact MVA Community Projects assistant Jennalyd Babauta at jbabauta@mymarianas.com or 664-3200. ***(PR)***

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also placed third in the nation in the category of Humorous interpretation. He was joined by Kate Ishida, who placed fourth for her performance in original oratory and made it to the quarterfinals for Humorous interpretation as well.

Over 5,000 students who bested hundreds of others in their state districts traveled to Utah to compete. Over 30 states and six countries took part at the national level.

"It was fun. I do not know how far I could have made it without my mom's coaching and brother's support," Wolf told *Saipan Tribune*. I learned that I am really good at it...I have a lot of passion for this."

"I learned that even if you are not the best at something, you can still join and still win," he added when asked on what he took away from his first competition.

His mother and coach Kristine Wolf was gobsmacked when she heard the news, but acknowledged the hard work of her son.

"I feel really proud and it has been a good experience for him. It's all of his hard work," she explained. "Seeing his older brother, Kelvin, compete inspired him to join. This is a good chance for our island of Saipan to be known. Not everyone knows where we are and hopefully this will help with that so we can be known."

Other members of both middle and high school divisions earned their spots in the top tier of competitors in that nation.

For the middle school division, Esther Kim advanced to the quarterfinals in Prose reading; Esther Park went on to compete in the quarterfinals of Storytelling; James Park advanced to the semifinals in Humorous interpretation; Harry Noh made it to Round 3 in extemporaneous debate placing him among the Top 11 in the nation.

In the high school division, nearly half of the CNMI participants advanced to the next rounds. Rebekah Kim, Cerinn Hwang, Kelvin Wolf, Rose Jones, Jonelle Toskas, and Cathryn Javier made it to the Top 100 to 200 students in their categories. This reporter placed in the Top 70 students in Impromptu speaking.

Minna Ito advanced to the Top 97 in Expository Speaking and to the Top 100 in prose reading.

Yujin Lee set the new CNMI record in Poetry reading placing in the Top 50, Kelvin Wolf continued the island's success in Storytelling finishing in the Top 40.

For her part, former junior high national finalist and veteran orator Yujin Lee, said, "Throughout this trip, I learned so much about how to improve my speech skills and also made new friends who have the same passion for forensics as I do."

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Camacho and Haddy were taken to the Superior Court on Friday afternoon for bail hearing on charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub's motion to keep the $6,000 cash bail initially imposed on the defendants in the arrest warrant.

Attorney Judy Torres was appointed as counsel for Haddy.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit, the court-appointed counsel for defendant Camacho, asked the court to allow her client to be temporarily released to a third party custodian upon posting $600 or 10 percent of the $6,000 cash.

Nesbit was then seen talking with defendant's father, CNMI Board of Parole chairman Ramon B. Camacho, and defendant's wife, who were both in the courtroom.

Weintraub objected to granting "special treatment" to defendant Camacho by holding a bail modification right away when the government has yet to talk with the alleged victim about the matter.

Weintraub noted that the allegations against the defendants were that they abused their authority as DOC officers when they beat up the inmate.

Judge Camacho then set the bail modification hearing for defendant Camacho at 3:30pm that day, Friday.

Nesbit was ordered to file a motion for bail modification.

At the 3:30pm bail medication hearing, Judge Camacho allowed the temporary release of defendant Camacho to his wife as third-party custodian upon posting $600 cash or 10 percent of $6,000 cash.

Weintraub did not oppose releasing defendant Camacho to his wife as third-party custodian.

Preliminary hearing will be on June 24 at 9am and arraignment will be on June 27 at 9am for both defendants.

Police Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that last April 1 at 10:28pm, Corrections Sgt. Joaquin Sablan called DPS and requested a patrol officer to entertain a detainee's complaint for assault and battery.

At 10:45pm that day, Police Officer Paul Ichihara responded to DOC and met with the complainant, 33-year-old Ryan Cavalear, who alleged that DOC officers Camacho and Haddy beat him up.

Ichihara noticed red marks on Cavalear's neck, wrist, and arm. A crime scene technician took photos of Cavalear's injuries.

Pangelinan said that last April 4, DOC Commissioner Georgia Cabrera called her for assistance to follow up Cavalear's complaint.

Pangelinan said according to DOC commissioner Cabrera, Cavalear's attorney requested for surveillance footage of his client's assault.

Pangelinan said she proceeded to DOC, where she met with two DOC officers assigned with the internal affairs.

Pangelinan said the two DOC officers showed her the surveillance camera's footage of the alleged beating that happened at pod 2 exit door inside DOC last April 1.

Pangelinan said according to Cavalear, Haddy hit him with his left knee on his right shoulder.

Camacho strangled Cavalear, then slammed the latter's face on the floor twice, causing his lips to bleed.

Cavalear kept saying, "stop please" because he's not resisting and his back hurts.

Cavalear said he was dragged out of his cell and there was another detainee, who witnessed the incident.

Cavalear said he told Camacho and Haddy to stop because his spine hurts, as he is an Army veteran and broke his back during his military service.

Officer Camacho, however, allegedly told Cavalear that he is not a veteran but a [explective] virgin.

Cavalear said he told them to stop, but Camacho and Haddy instead slammed his head to the steel door.

Haddy allegedly stepped on his left foot and Camacho punched his face.

Detective Pangelinan said Cavalear asked her to review the surveillance camera's footage because he saw a camera facing them while he was attacked by the defendants.

Sources said Camacho and Haddy had been assigned to the administrative section at DOC after the incident and prior to their arrest.

Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio issued the arrest warrant last week.

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Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services regional director David Gulick—to "do the same thing" for contract workers as they do for those under H-visas, which is "accepting all renewals" so they "won't be included under the cap."

USCIS last month announced that they'd accepted enough applications to meet their fiscal year 2016 12,999 cap on contract workers and that those who did not make an early May deadline or had applications rejected would have to pack their bags and leave to their home countries within ten days after their permit expires.

"They said they understood the situation with all the business being in danger because all these CW people leaving the island," Ikeda, who first arrived on Saipan in the late 1970s, told reporters after she stepped out of the Office of the Governor. "Since I was the only CW in the room I thought I would speak as an affected CW, I thought that was my job today."

She also said a lady from the Chinese Association of Saipan also broke down relaying her own issues and spoke about what the Chinese community was going through.

The lady spoke about how she won't be able to go home to see her mom before she passed, she started to break down before me… she represented the whole Chinese community and talked things that her community is going through

"It humanizes the story," Kia'aina said, before stepping into a van to leave Capitol Hill on Saturday. She was asked how she felt when Ikeda broke down before the visiting officials.

Still, despite the face-to-face, some are cautious about immediate administrative fixes USCIS can do on their part to alleviate the strain on families and a growing economy.

Frank Gibson, immediate past present of NMI Chapter of the Society of Human Resources, one of the groups that presented the issues before Kia'aina and Gulick this weekend, stressed the "immediate difficulties" caused by the some 1,300 people "going home," who may be key employees of small business on island that may not be able to function without them.

Still, he said, there "weren't any comments coming back." "No one is going to commit to anything at this point. We were expressing the thoughts and the positions and possibilities… It is up to them to come up with answers on those.

"There's not much I can say about that. It's a problem that's not going to be resolved easily," he added.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Velma Palacios, said that Kia'aina wanted to know "examples" of what will happen or what is happening to businesses.

"So we had Bud White saying he has three businesses and with these non-renewals, his workers will have to go home and he would have to close down the businesses, that was just one example," Palacios said.

There was another example about how one clinic were losing 11 employees, and another 33, she added.

Gulick, for his part, declined to elaborate on the meeting but indicated the messages delivered in the meeting Saturday would make its way back to decision makers in the nation's capitol.

"It will get back to D.C.," Gulick said twice, as he strode into the Office of the Governor's parking lot on Saturday.

Torres, for his part, when asked if he felt they successfully brought the "human side" to the ongoing issue, said, "Yes. More so now."

The meetings were about "having to hear it first hand from them," Torres said. "I thank the 902 folks for coming out here and literally something they don't have to do. They are doing it now to hear first hand…the status of where we are at both socially and economically."

Torres, on the emotional presentations, said the federal officials, "are very sympathetic about it. And just hearing a lot of the folks, that is the reason why they are here to hear the concerns first hand and to ask questions."

Saipan casino mum

Meanwhile, the Saipan casino has still not responded to request for comments how they view a unified request from the Chamber, SHRM, and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands last week for them to pull out or cancel construction worker visas for their developments who are not yet on the ground.

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MVA: 35K visitors to CNMI in May 2016

Arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands registered 35,466 visitors in May 2016, and so far this fiscal year, are just 3 percent behind the rapid pace of arrivals compared to the same period last year.

Arrivals from China were essentially flat, dropping 3 percent compared to May 2015 to 14,698 visitors as China's outbound tourism market entered its low season. Dynamic Airways will be launching new charter flights from Nanjing to Saipan from July 5 through Aug. 29, as well as from Hangzhou to Saipan from July 16 until Oct. 9. In addition, Hong Kong Airlines will be launching charter flights from Hong Kong to Saipan beginning July 6, and Philippine Airlines launched regularly scheduled service from Manila on June 15, with both these service heavily booked by mainland Chinese visitors. As a result, the number of Chinese visitors this summer to the NMI is expected to rapidly rise.

Arrivals from Korea dropped 15 percent in May to 13,850 visitors. Asiana Airlines decreased its double daily service to one daily in late March but is expected to return to double daily service for Incheon-Saipan in the summer season. Arrivals from Korea are also projected to rapidly increase this summer with the June 9 launch of direct daily flights from Seoul by Korean Air's low-cost carrier Jin Air.

Arrivals from Japan fell 32 percent to 4,417 visitors as the NMI continues to feel the effect of Delta Air Lines cutting its Narita to Saipan night flight in October, a move that dropped airlift from the Japan market to just one daily flight. Arrivals to the NMI from Japan were greater than the Delta seat supply because of Asiana Airlines charters from Narita and Kansai. Given this airlift crisis, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, as well as MVA board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce, board member Chris Nelson, and MVA managing director Chris Concepcion met with Delta Air Lines and the key Japan travel agents in Tokyo in May to explore what can be done to rebuild airlift from Japan. The MVA's Japan airlift development team is also negotiating with low-cost carriers from throughout Asia to step into the gap and launch new service from Japan to the NMI, with a concrete announcement of new service from Japan to the NMI expected this summer.

Source markets economic highlights

In its economic assessment for May, the Japanese government judged that the damage from the earthquakes that hit the island of Kyushu in April were not severe enough to alter its assessment of the economy, but said it is giving its "full attention" to the economic impact from the disaster." The economy is in a moderate recovery, while weakness can be seen recently," the Cabinet Office said in its monthly report.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development announced 2016 growth forecast for the South Korean economy to 2.7 percent, citing sluggish global trade and a slowdown in China. The average USD/WON exchange rate in May was 1,157.01 won, a slight increase from the April rate of 1,148.36 won.

China's Ministry of Finance reported fiscal revenue rose 14.4 percent year-on-year to $238.8-billion in April. Fiscal revenue rose 8.6 percent in the first four months. The central parity rate of the Chinese currency renminbi, or the yuan, weakened 315 basis points to 6.5531 against the U.S. dollar, dollar, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trading System. ***(PR)***

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Bill lengthening expiration dates on prepaid cards now law

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into a law Friday a bill to prohibit phone companies from imposing an expiration date to unused prepaid phone card credits.

Senate Bill No. 19-05 is now Public Law 19-50 and seeks to prohibit telecommunication companies from imposing an expiration date or forfeiture unused prepaid credits and MIFI credits earlier than 90 days.

The bill, offered by Sen. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota) in January 2015, notes that those who opt for prepaid cars may not afford to go on a postpaid contract with a phone company and "should not be forced to use all credits" prior to the 30-day expiration date given on the prepaid card.

The bill calls this a "loss to the customers and continued financial burden" during "hard economic times."

It finds that a 90-day expiration date is "more reasonable" and will give customers more time to use their cards.

The bill imposes penalties ranging from $5,000 and not to exceed $10,000 for persons or entity who violates the new provisions.

The bill says penalties from violations will be paid into the Public Utilities Commission revolving fund.

Woman gets 2-year probation for making false statements to USCIS

The federal court has imposed a two-year probation sentence on a woman who entered a guilty plea to an indictment for making fraudulent statements to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Friday also ordered Jonie Esther B. Babauta to pay a $150 fine and $100 in court assessment fee.

During the probationary period, Babauta is required not to use or possess illegal drugs and not possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon.

Court documents identified the defendant as Jonie Esther B. Uddin. The defendant stated that her full name is Jonie Esther B. Babauta.

Assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing concurred with U.S. Probation Officer Gregory Arriola and defense counsel Benjamin Petersburg to a sentence at the low end of the sentencing guideline range.

Petersburg agreed with Lorfing that a two-year probation sentence would be appropriate.

Attorney Mark Hanson, Petersburg's co-counsel, stated in court papers that under the circumstances, given Babauta's personal history, her honesty, and her first-time offender status, a sentence of two years of probation with appropriate terms and conditions would be more than sufficient, not greater than necessary, to effectuate the purposes of sentencing.

Hanson said Babauta signed an immigration document, which was prepared by another person under the penalty of perjury.

Hanson said that document contained a false statement regarding the defendant's residence.

"While we do not seek to overly downplay this offense, we do not that it is non-violent and that [Babauta] was honest and forthcoming with immigration officers and took responsibility for her actions at her first interview with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services," the lawyer pointed out.

At a change of plea hearing last February, the defendant pleaded guilty to the indictment charging her with one count of false statement.

According to the indictment, Babauta made the false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations to USCIS on Nov. 18, 2011.

In a form I-130, the defendant allegedly represented that she lived in Chalan Piao with Tamiz Uddin, which she knew such representations were false in that she did not live in Chalan Piao and had never lived with Tamiz Uddin.

Form I-130 refers to a U.S. citizen's petition for an alien relative.

Additionally, in the form G-325 (biographic information), the defendant again allegedly represented that she lived in Chalan Piao.

A separate indictment was also filed against Tamiz Uddin charging him with one count of false statement. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Drunken man makes disturbance where pregnant wife works

A drunken man allegedly created a disturbance last week at a poker arcade in Gualo Rai, where his pregnant common-law wife works as a cashier, then pushed the hand of a police officer.

Jeffrey Yanruw, 27, was arrested for assault, disturbing the peace, and obstructing justice.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed a $1,750 cash bail on Yanruw and set the preliminary hearing for today, Monday, at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for the defendant. Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley appeared for the government.

» Defendant tells cop to back off as it's none of his business

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that the victim, a cashier at U Luck Poker in Gualo Rai, called the Department of Public Safety on Tuesday afternoon after Yanruw created disturbance at her workplace.

Aldan said according to the victim, Yanruw walked into the establishment and asked her at the cashier's booth for their apartment rent money.

The victim, who noticed that Yanruw was drunk, refused to give the money because he would only buy beer.

Yanruw got angry, shouted bad words at her and threatened to beat her up. He then punched the cashier's glass window and kicked the cashier's door. He also tried to open the door of the cashier's booth.

Patrol Officer Ralph Rangamar responded and instructed Yanruw to stop kicking and punching the cashier's window and the door.

Yanruw told the officer to back off as it's none of his business. When the officer asked for his name, Yanruw replied "John Doe."

Yanruw showed his wife the middle finger, called her a bitch, and threatened he would beat her up. He again told the officer to leave him alone.

Rangamar placed his left hand on Yanruw's right arm and instructed him to follow him outside. The defendant pushed the officer's hand away and told the officer to back off.

The officer subsequently arrested Yanruw. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- VINCENT A. MANGLONA, BENITA A. MANGLONA, V.B. MANGLONA ENTERPRISES, TONGA GARDENS, PASEO DRIVE INCORPORATED, GUAM ISLA LP GAS AND APPLIANCE and MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA, INC. Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0194-CV **NOTICE OF AUCTION**

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, CNMI Marshal, or any other person authorized by law hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Vincent A. Manglona and Benita A. Manglona in the following described, real properties situated in Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

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The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2016,** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**

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Dated this 31 day of May, 2016.

/s/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO, Commissioner
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the Statewide Independent Living Council will hold its FY 2016 Third General Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at the Hyatt-Chamolinian Room from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda: June 23, 2016
IV. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes: March 31, 2016
V. Action Item
   a. Ratification and Adoption of the CNMI State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) for 2017-2019
VI. Reports
   a. Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Chairperson
   b. Center for Living Independently (CLI) Executive Director
   c. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Director
VII. Old Business
   a. Update on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Independent Living Services
   b. Update on Employer Membership
VIII. New Business
   a. Presentation by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority on the Public Transit Fixed Routes System
   b. Transition Coalition Activities and Planning
   c. Review of Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Membership
IX. Consumer Forum
X. Announcements/Miscellaneous
XI. Next Meeting: September 2016
XII. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodation such as large print or sign language interpreter are asked to call Ms. Elvira Seman (OVR Administrative Assistant) at 322-6537-38 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY) three days before the meeting for necessary arrangements.

/s/ **Emeterio Fitial**
SILC Chairperson

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MMA exhibition beamed live from LibDay Festival grounds

Skywalker Communications Group continues to introduce innovative ideas and last Saturday president Dr. Bo Hu, Saipan Mayor, David M. Apatang, the Liberation Day Committee, and Trench Tech Gym owner Cuki Alvarez opened the fun-filled evening with a whole hour of mixed martial arts exhibition.

It was a night of many firsts as it was the first time Alvarez and Trench Tech aired any of its events live over the Internet, first time for mixed martial arts to be the highlight of the night at the festival grounds, first time for Mari Alvarez to showcase her MMA skills in a public event, and the list goes on.

"Through innovative thinking and research, Skywalker decided to utilize the new features on two of the most popular web platforms to allow the world, particularly those from the CNMI now living abroad to watch the festivities unfold and be part of it," said Bo.

Powered by IT&E, the Liberation Day festivities can now be viewed live Skywalker's YouTube account or on the CNMI Liberation Day Festival Facebook page. The exhibition also featured commentary from Vicente Salas and Bob Webb.

Apatang, who has a black belt in Judo, was one of the many entertained spectators gathered in front of the stage on Saturday.

Some of the night's highlights included exhibition matches between brother and sister, boyfriend and girlfriend, and of course, husband and wife. Cuki, an MMA practitioner for 15 years and his wife, Mari, yet to debut, put on their gloves to demonstrate their skills and techniques.

At the festival grounds, Cuki and Mari also demonstrated a few maneuvers for women to get aggressors off of them when pinned to the ground, especially in forced situations.

Trench Tech brought it to the festival grounds on Saturday, and left it all on the mat with 16 fighters ranging from 13 year olds and above. The crowd was treated to various techniques, skills, focus, respect, self-discipline, control, and good sportsmanship.

"It's all about respect for the sport, for your opponent, and respect for one's self that keeps me coming back for more," said a fighter.

"Our slogan; we create friendship through fighting," says Cuki, because fighting not only teaches us how to protect ourselves and our family but also teaches us how to respect each other and stay healthy."

"It is a great honor to work together with event organizers in the CNMI like Cuki the level of care he has for his trainees and the CNMI as a whole is admirable and inspiring," said Bo, who even asked for a short lesson after being impressed by the skills shown by the fighters.

He then adds that he look forward to working more with Cuki in the future in the near future, possibly another exhibition, as well as with more local businesses, organizations, and the community. ***(PR)***

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Trench Tech Gym owner Cuki Alvarez and his wife Mari Alvarez demonstrate self defense techniques to the crowd at last weekend's mixed martial arts exhibition at the Liberation Day Festival grounds.

SSHS PTSA 'excited' for stage project

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Saipan Southern High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association president Glenna Reyes told a funny incident before last week's groundbreaking ceremony of the school's stage project, which is funded through a donation by E-Land Group.

Palacios said the Manta Ray family is excited with the project since the school will finally have a stage facility despite only 14 years of existence. She said that Herman P. Sablan, of contractor H&H Construction, also informed her that everything is set for the ceremony.

"While I was going through the list of things to do between the contractor and I, I realized that we have 12 scissors and a blue ribbon listed. So I called Mr. Sablan and asked if he was ready for the ceremony," said Palacios.

"'Absolutely!' was his immediate response. 'I already purchased 12 scissors that I will be donating to the school after the event.' A few seconds later, we both started laughing out loud. We had to change everything and started calling to secure the shovels."

"We are so excited that we got ahead of ourselves and envisioned a ribbon cutting ceremony instead of groundbreaking," she added with a laugh.

Palacios said that she had to check the invitation she sent to make sure she sent the correct one. "Please accept it as an advanced invitation for the actual ribbon-cutting ceremony in August."

She added last week's groundbreaking symbolized the importance of SSHS, the school's PTSA, and E-Land Group in the partnership that they forged in the interest of the students. "And surely, we look forward for the actual ribbon-cutting ceremony."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Kensington Hotel president Myung Wook "Matthew" Park, SSHS principal Martha Kintol, Palacios, Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), and Rep. Joseph Leepan Guerrero (R-Saipan) led last week's groundbreaking ceremony at the campus grounds.

Public School System associate commissioner Glenn Muna, SSHS PTSA vice president Velma H. Sanchez, PSS Capital Improvement Projects program coordinator Rachel Fusco, H&H Construction's Herman P. Sablan, and MDA Enterprises' Abul Bashar were the others in attendance.

Before the opening of school year 2016 is the expected date of completion of the stage, which measures 29 feet by 50 feet. It is located at the back of Building C and just across Buildings A and B.

SSHS and E-Land signed their partnership last June 7. E-Land, which also owns Coral Ocean Golf Resort, has made its presence felt within the surrounding area of the school where they had maintained and repaired two bus shelters, and built the Unai Dankulo Beach Park Pavilion.

JON PEREZ

Ten shovels are planted on a mound of dirt before the groundbreaking ceremony of Saipan Southern High School's stage facility inside the campus last week.

500 attend NMC's Cash for College

About 500 college or college-bound students attended Northern Marianas College's Cash for College this past Saturday, one of the highest participation rates since NMC began hosting the event several years ago.

"We are very pleased with the great turn out for the Cash for College workshop this past Saturday," said NMC interim president David J. Attao. "It was rewarding to see many students take advantage of this opportunity to see what financial aid opportunities are available and how to maximize and apply for them."

The purpose of the free workshop was to assist students and their parents maximize scholarship opportunities. At the event, staff members and community volunteers provided free, one-on-one financial aid assistance to the participants, many of who were recent graduates of Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Kagman High School.

"I want to thank NMC Financial Aid director Daisy Propst for leading the event and making sure it was well organized," added Attao. "We are also appreciative of all the volunteers from NMC, CNMI Scholarship, and Saipan SHEFA, as well as community volunteers for helping our students."

At the workshop, participants received assistance in completing college financial aid forms for the various federal and local scholarships and grants including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid (SHEFA), and the CNMI Scholarship. They also received free notary and copying services.

Students who missed the recent Cash for College workshop and need assistance with their financial aid can visit NMC's Financial Aid Office in Room N-1-1 at the As Terlaje campus (M-F: 8am-4:30pm) or contact the office at (670) 237-6791.

The free Cash for College workshop is made possible through financial support from the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant program. ***(PR)***

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Northern Marianas College volunteers, seated left, assist students to register for NMC's Cash for College this past Saturday. The event drew about 500 participants, who received helped with finding money for college.

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Luta Cares donate to Rota firemen

With the dry season upon us and the CNMI experiencing a very dry season, the Luta Cares Community Outreach Group of Volunteers recently donated Gatorade to the Rota Fire Department.

Rota had been hit by forest fire incidents lately with residents seeing their native land set a blaze almost daily.

The Rota Fire Department staff had been tirelessly working round the clock battling each case knowing that tomorrow they'll be called upon to risk their lives to prevent the further destruction of native vegetation.

Ogo-Manglona

Julie Ogo-Manglona, local organization Luta Cares founder, learned that the heroic members of the Fire Department, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Department of Public Works, and the Department of Public Safety deal with the fires almost daily.

As a result, Luta Cares sent Gatorade containers to Rota for the staff to replenish nutrients lost through the hardships of their physical activity

"This small token is our organization's way of saying thank you for putting your lives on the line. Any help at this point is appreciated. We pray for each fireman's safe return home to their families as they continue to fight for public safety," said Ogo-Manglona.

To those who want to do their share and donate, call Dennis Mendiola or Ron Ogo at the Rota Fire department at 532-3736. ***(PR)***

CCA board meets tomorrow

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular Board of Directors meeting tomorrow, June 21, 2016 at 3pm at the CCA Conference Room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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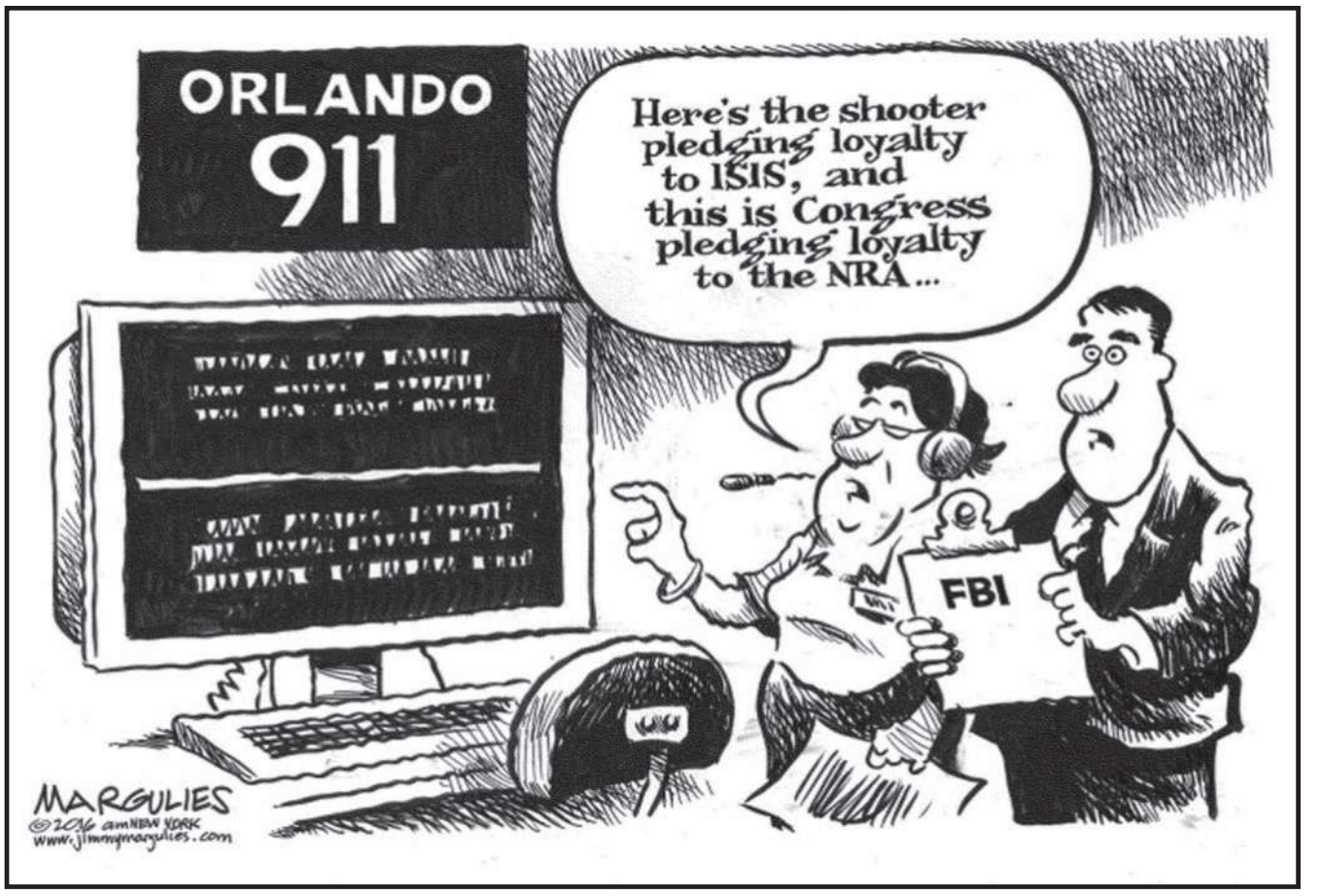
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President Obama stands up to Donald Trump's hate

In the hours after Sunday's Orlando, Fla., massacre, a somber President Barack Obama consoled a shocked and grieving nation.

Tuesday, an angry and forceful Obama also told Americans what they needed to hear — that the divisive and hateful rhetoric spewed by the likes of Donald Trump not only betrays our values but helps the terrorists.

It was Obama's most direct and detailed denunciation of Trump yet, and it was absolutely necessary given how the presumptive Republican nominee has exploited the tragedy in Orlando. On Monday, Trump proposed expanding his ban on Muslim immigrants and suggested that American Muslims are protecting extremists in their midst.

"Are we going to start treating all Muslim Americans differently?" the usually cool Obama asked, his voice rising. "Are we going to start subjecting them to special surveillance? Are we going to start discriminating against them because of their faith?"

"This is a country founded on basic freedoms, including freedom of religion," he added. "And if we ever abandon those values, we would not only make it a lot easier to radicalize people here and around the world, but we would have betrayed the very things we are trying to protect.

Obama also responded with disgust to Trump's continuing canard that the president is too politically correct to name the enemy as "radical Islam."

"Calling a threat by a different name does not make it go away," Obama said. "If there is anyone out there who thinks we are confused about who our enemies are, that would come as a surprise to the thousands of terrorists who we have taken off the battlefield."

While Trump gins up fear against American Muslims, attacks on the LGBT community also, disgracefully, remain an issue. A pastor in Sacramento, Calif., is being roundly criticized for his sermon Sunday praising the Orlando slaughter and calling the victims sodomites and pedophiles. "The tragedy is that more of them didn't die," said Roger Jimenez of Verity Baptist Church.

Vile words should be condemned, but we can't let them distract us from concrete actions to try to stop these horrific attacks.

For instance, the president rightly called for renewing the ban on military-style assault weapons — like the one used by the Orlando gunman and so many other killers in mass shootings — that expired in 2004. He also supported a bill to bar those on the no-fly terrorist watch list from buying guns. Some Republicans in Congress blocked it last December, a day after the San Bernardino, Calif., massacre. They did so again Tuesday.

The carnage in Orlando is also putting gun control front and center again at the California Capitol. Tuesday, three different committees heard a batch of bills that would fortify what are already some of the nation's strictest gun laws.

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A dove and two monkeys

I prefer to call this a peaceful night and two harrowing days but two monumental mistakes bookending a serene night would rather make us wax poetic. The dove and the monkeys will do.

I started June 14 on a three-week sojourn to China where I previously lived and taught at the Shenyang Aerospace University. My wife bought a house close to the university where she moved her parents to a place that is on the first floor of an apartment complex; before, they had to climb four stairs to get to their apartment. It, however, moved them away from surroundings and acquaintances, which was more costly than the gains in the new housing.

Anyway, like most in-laws, my mother would rather not see my shadow so I had planned to be in a commercial place for as long as Uncle Sam's Franklins held out I never made it past Narita. It appears that my China residency visa expired May 2016 and I could not renew it in Shenyang in the same way as Chinese tourist who come to Saipan can get a 45-day visa at the Ada International Airport on Saipan. It appears that reciprocity did not apply.

After a long drawn discussion with UA and ANA personnel (it appears that UA personnel on Saipan missed the May 2016 visa expiration, too), the ground crew trying to find ways to get me to China (five days of expedited visa application in Tokyo would have been cost-prohibitive on my wallet), they finally could do no other than get me back on the next flight to Guam.

Eighteen hours later, I was back on Marianas soil, albeit, homeless. I vacated my apartment thinking that I shall proceed to my new dwelling near the lagoon when I return. The Tokyo kink offered a contradiction.

So was storage for my stuff. Not only do I have book boxes in my PSS classroom, luggage and boxes were also with a my neighbor friends stored in their living room that I would retrieve upon my return. They were also holding on to my car being a two-person working family with only one car on two different schedules.

On arrival, I moved a third of the stuff to the car and my classroom, getting tired that I took the 2015 Prius C leased from AK Toyota, parked it on the beach side of the Lino Olopai Park after 9pm and went directly to sleep undisturbed and uninterrupted until Lino invited me in at sunrise for a cup of coffee.

The peaceful night was not even marred by the #2 call of nature that normally occurs twice in a night; the beatific look on my face would have looked like I just won the lottery.

After coffee, I returned to my classroom and decided to write up an article on my peaceful night. That's when I discovered not only was my MacBook Air laptop missing; the whole Revere black backpack that was on the passenger side of the car next to me while peacefully asleep on the driver's side was gone.

After catching up with Lino at the Carolinian Utt working on a canoe sailboat, I hightailed it to DPS. Joseph Benavente with badge #088 interviewed me and gave me a reference card with #16-004978. DPS classified the incident as "theft." I promised Officer Benavente that I would return with a write-up of the case and a list of the missing objects.

The content of the bag had: 1) MacBook Air laptop; 2) 1 Black wallet with FHB-issued debit and credit cards, and other service (i.e., gas) cards; 3) 1 CNMI driver's license; 4) Cash of 15 $20 bills amounting to $300, eight $2 bills, five $1 bills, 1 paper China Yuan (renminbi) bill, 1 paper China jiao (10 cents) bill, and various ID cards including a NAP card; 5) 1 passport wallet with current and expired U.S. passports, expired Philippine passport, expired China employment card, marriage document with a Chinese citizen; 6) 1 Sony digital camera with extra battery and charger; 7) Calling cards, knife, and indeterminate items yet to be recalled. (Added later on the 16th were: a) 32 G and 4 G drives, 8 G USB drive, b) 1 iPhone; c) 1 Sony digital camera with extra battery and charger; and d) 1 pair of sunglasses.

After alerting FHB of the lost bank cards, I went to the *Saipan Tribune* office where I got a phone call that the office receptionist at the office tried to transfer to me; a lady mentioned that she had my passports and cards, but after Pauline put the call on hold to transfer to where I was, the caller hung up. I waited for her to call back but she never did. I thought that her brood might have "lifted" the bag while I was asleep, and I assume that she would prevail on them to just return the bag to Lino Olopai's house, or drop it off at *Saipan Tribune.*

As of today, Monday, none of the items had yet to appear, and I will assume the caller just have difficulty reaching me. A whole month of possible article writeups are in the laptop so I missed my Friday opinion piece in the ST that I had thought I already sent.

TG for one peaceful night, memorable for being shelved between two monumental mistakes: an 18-hour trek to Tokyo and back just because of an expired visa and a mistaken notion that I could apply for it at destination, and the serene sleep by Lino's beach while youngsters lifted a wealth of materials off my backpack. We learn.

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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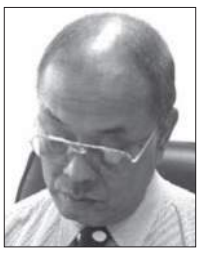
Da plan, da plan, da plan!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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The NMI is completely confused over priorities magnified and heightened by the lack of a meaningful set of plans detailing what needs to be done first and foremost.

The empty DC trip failed our 902 SearsRoebuck Team. In other words, Interior said it would present CW concerns in December to the WH. Isn't December the last month of Obama's term in office? How did the team miss answer?

The issues on the table are far more complicated and costly than meets the "ad hoc" mindset of folks on imperial Capital Hill. To secure a sense of confidence and clarity on the needs of the NMI there has to be a master plan that addresses such issues as funds for CIP emplacement, planned projects, labor requirements; local programs defining the role of education; focusing funds on skills acquisition training programs for locals; and, an inventory of the number of high school graduates who would need meaningful jobs after pomp and circumstance.

The NMI has conveniently sleepwalked what would eventually turn into disruptive and disastrous confrontations with infrastructure systems that are bursting at the seams.

Old generators in the power plant have started sputtering to death. As CUC scrambles to maintain the old system the island may have to deal with persistent blackouts in the near term.

Water remains problematic all these years what with a system that has over 400 miles of pipes placed all over. But sixty percent of the pipes are leaking! Don't be surprised if in the near future CUC implements long water hours amidst the prolonged drought season. How does the NMI push for new projects when basic infrastructure is bursting with inadequacies?

Suppressed salaries: The Department of Labor must take an inventory of available local workforce, level of skills, training that they need to upgrade skills; and must advocate for higher wages and salaries in private industries. This should encourage locals to see that there are meaningful opportunities in the private sector. Can't Leave It To Beaver!

As it is, salaries in private industries are suppressed and unless one is a government employee a job in the private sector is far from encouraging. Locals who braved it eventually evacuated to Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland where there's some semblance of decency, meaningful wages and salaries they could rely upon for familial sustenance. Yet they had the audacity to stereotype locals as lazy. Not quite and you know the deficiency is on your side of the court.

Meaningful opportunities don't exist here and not when most key players in this sector would suppress wages that perpetuates dirt-cheap labor. This has gone far enough! Would anyone with an engineering degree from an accredited U.S. university settle for $6.50 an hour? How could locals attain upward mobility when the silent one-upmanship is a deterrent from the outset? I've seen it before and still exist!

Money for training is ridiculously spread all over the torched desert land of disorientation. Must recover them forthwith and dedicate the entire amount for indigenous training. Ensure there's a fully thought-out goal to improve skills. I find it very troubling the sheer sense of hopelessness blowing in the wind. Is this it? Didn't someone boast of the "solutions driven" team?

Graduation: Nearly half-a-century ago I marched out of pomp and circumstance at Mt. Carmel Cathedral, the venue after horrific Superstorm Jean pulped the island.

I don't recall the theme of the Class of `68 but I vividly remember singing "Climb Every Mountain." What a beginning in search of a career. Ironic the theme song that seems to tell us well in advance, "climb!" And climb we did from day one.

I started out in radio, staff writer for the TT-wide Micronesian News Service, and PIO intern at the Congress of Micronesia until I moved to the last Marianas District Legislature in 1977. A year before I graduated from the U.S. Department of Defense School of Journalism. It was a sound foundation honing journalistic discipline in news writing.

Indeed, historians have an advantage of time versus journalists. But the latter is often present at events as they unfold. I've seen major regional events north and south of the equator. In other words, I was there!

I relish the experience that hardened my commitment to plant the permanent seed of indigenous experience. But time has faded quickly in the rearview mirror. I trust young scholars would pick-up the pieces sooner than later.

Well, most of my classmates have sailed into the sunset. I stand at the shore pondering if there's any other mountain to climb. The shorelines and savannahs I used to frequent are now part of memory lane. Golden age has his own limitations, too.

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Indigenous: I've heard discussions about who is indigenous to the Marianas. Is it the Chamorro or Carolinian? Someone advocates it's the Chamorro.

This level of discussion awakens the discrimination and vicious condescending treatment of Carolinians here in the late fifties and sixties. I was a victim partly because of my Carolinian genealogy and the fact that I grew up in Lali Four. Sickening!

I heard so much about our filthy loincloth and oily bodies for using coconut oil and our fishy smell for being fish-eating folks. Like a giant sponge I took most everything in stride. I refused to focus on what's in my blood cells and made it a point to look beyond immaturity and ethnic racism. It made me a better person too knowing that my Carolinian and Chamorro blood have never collided throughout my lifetime.

Through the years I've researched and read about Chamorros and their journey through history. In most every historic material I've read about the origin of Chamorros it's all theory that Chamorros came from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, or the Philippines. There's no solid answer of its origin. So where's the historic legitimacy of Chamorro being indigenous when it also sailed into the islands from somewhere?

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Among other things, they would close a loophole in California's assault weapons ban, limit purchases of long guns to one a month and fund gun violence research.

Some of these measures may help, but they can be bypassed by crossing the state line or going online. Really effective gun control has to be national in scope, which means Congress must finally stand up to the gun lobby.

"Enough talking about being tough on terrorism," Obama declared. "Actually be tough on terrorism and stop making it easy as possible for terrorists to buy assault weapons."

After the worst mass shooting in America's history, that would be a good start.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why federal receivership of CUC is necessary

Is it just me or all many of you thinking what I am thinking, when shall "Uncle Sam" take the helm of CUC?

My thoughts on the subject are as follows.

First CUC has accrued millions, if not tens millions of dollars in federal fines, court cost and other charges for its continued violations of the environmental protection agency mandates and legal actions.

Then let us not forget CUC's blatant disregard for EPA mandates that it locate and hire qualified U.S. citizens for upper management positions as related to various divisions.

Then, you have its ongoing contract worker dilemma, in which CUC had first tried to sue the federal government to keep contract workers even against its agreement to "phase out" contract workers.

Now, you have CUC spending thousands upon, thousands of dollars that it could put to better use; by training local workers, or even "importing" qualified U.S. citizens to work with in the CUC structure.

And at what cost are these continued obstructions of the law costing the average customer? How much does CUC spend on legal costs in repeatedly attempting to violate the laws of this land called America?

Shall we, the customer continue to foot the bill for CUC to "beg" USCIS in allowing CW-1 workers to continue to be employed at CUC, even after many years of saying to the Department of Labor, and other federal agencies that it would train and employ U.S citizens for those very same positions that being held by contract workers? CUC is now saying that these contract workers are, "highly trained, skilled laborers"; does that mean that they have information that isn't available to any U.S. citizen were they given the same opportunity to train at the CUC Lower Base facility— how is their situation "humanitarian?" Is it because, CUC refuses to locate and hire qualified U.S. citizens, or train local citizens for the positions? Better still, why did it take an impeding federal trial in order to get a serious training program going at CUC?

When shall Uncle Sam say loudly and with one voice that, it has had enough of CUC's continued mis-directions, lies, and systematic obstructions in making the utility corporation compliant with federal laws?

I, for one want CUC to come under federal receivership; the island would then be guaranteed clean, renewable energy, qualified U.S.citizens would be guaranteed employment, and or training—without having to wait for another 10-15 years to pass in order to secure a good paying job working for "their" utility company; and the U.S. government would require that any petroleum seller would sell its fuel to the federal utility company at market pricing.

So, what about you? How do you feel?

Jasmine T. Taman
Via email

Aspiring for political freedom

Liberation Day has been viewed by many Chamorros from Guam as a day of thanks as the U.S. Marines retook the island ending close to four years of Japanese wartime brutality toward our families. The World War II retaking of Guam for the Americans was about fighting the Japanese military once again, hoping that Marine Corps casualties would not be as high as they were in the Battle of Saipan. The Liberation Day holiday for Chamorros from the Northern Mariana Islands may have slightly different interpretations because the northern islands were under Japanese control for decades.

Liberation Day is a celebration loaded with meaning and gives proper occasion for all Chamorros to reflect once again on what it means "to liberate" by assessing our total ongoing relationship with the U.S. Seven decades have passed since the recapture of Guam by U.S. forces and ambiguity, uncertainty and colonization continue to play a central role in the Guam-U.S. federal government relationship. The American military wants continue to forefront Chamorro islander concerns spanning across political, economic, informational, environmental, and human rights spectra.

Relational representations of imbalance and invisibility are stark because Guam Chamorro war reparations, for example, still remain unresolved in the Congress. Chamorros and residents living on Guam still cannot exercise basic political rights such as the right to vote for President of the United States, the right to have authentic representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the right to have any representation at all in the U.S. Senate. At the same time, Guam is owed hundreds of millions of dollars in compact impact reimbursements from the United States government, the Pentagon pushes forward to transform our Marianas region into the world's largest American military training, testing, and research range and Guam veterans remain the lowest per capita funded population segment under the American flag, yet own war-related per capita killed-in-action rates 700 percent greater than the national average.

So where in all of this is present day liberation to be found?

It is 2016 and we are well into the 21st century. Seven decades have passed since our families saw Japanese wartime ravages cease. Seventy years is a long time. Will it take 70 additional years for our families to attain basic political rights in the American system of government? How long must islanders from Guam wait to find that liberating spot for political place and political voice within or beyond the context of American military and political power? These are just some of the questions that may be considered as our people move to collectively prepare for Liberation Day 2016.

Rick Perez
Via email

Wallet found

My wife found a wallet and would like to return it to its owner. If you think this is yours please email "vawelch@gmail.com."

Valrick Welch
Via email

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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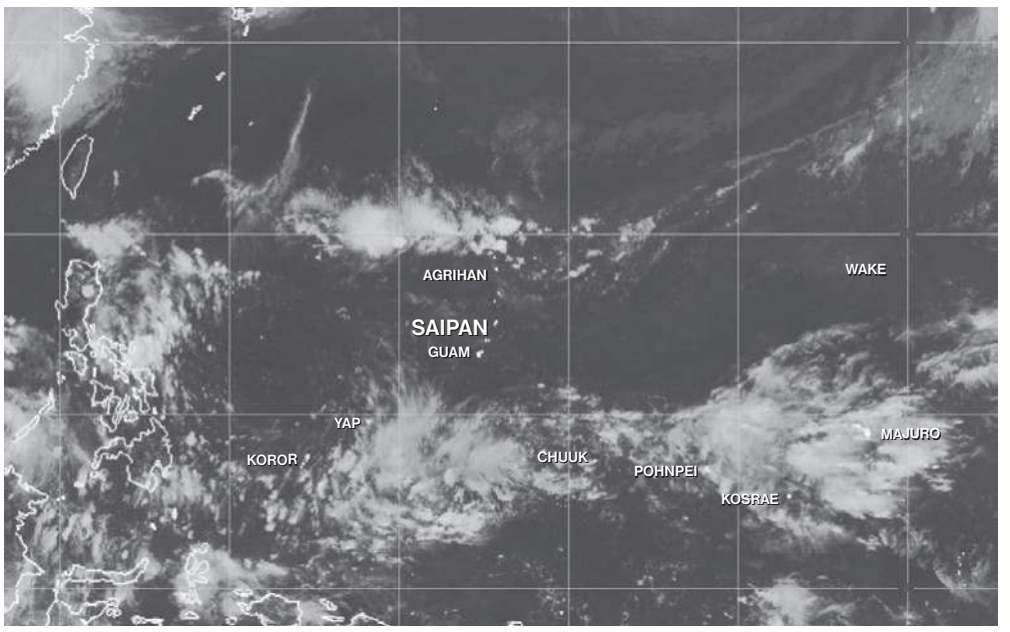
Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak cold front runs southwestward from northwest of Wake Island through 25N159E south of Minami Tori Shima to 24N152E then curves northwestward to beyond 25N145E. Clouds and scattered showers are along and up to 150 miles north of the front. A shear line north of the Mariana Islands is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 75 miles of a line from 21N147E to 19N141E to 21N135E. A trade-wind disturbance far south of guam is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in patchy areas from east of Yap to southeast of Koror between 8N and 2N from 136E to 148E. A second trade-wind disturbance farther east is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from north of Chuuk to north of Pohnpei between 10N and 8N from 152E to 159E, and east of Pohnpei to near Kosrae and across Kwajalein atoll between 10N and 5N from 159E to 170E. Trade-wind convergence is also igniting scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northeast of Majuro mainly between 12N and 9N from 176E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼81

Around the Globe

Auckland	Clear	▲63	▼55
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼73
Hong Kong	Clear	▲87	▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼72
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲65	▼59
Los Angeles	Clear	▲97	▼73
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲58	▼48
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼76
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼65
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼73
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼58
Pusan	Clear	▲84	▼68
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲76	▼58
Salem	Clear	▲78	▼52
San Francisco	Clear	▲73	▼54
Seoul	Clear	▲89	▼64
Tokyo	Rain	▲83	▼70
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼67

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:40 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.13 Feet
6:38 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.86 Feet
1:59 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.27 Feet
8:54 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.85 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:48 AM	6:49 PM
Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Wednesday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Thursday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Friday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:35 PM	5:26 AM
Tuesday	7:26 PM	6:16 AM
Wednesday	8:16 PM	7:08 AM
Thursday	9:05 PM	8:02 AM
Friday	9:53 PM	8:56 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
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UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
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PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
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UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

SC affirms trial court judgment in contract case

On June 16, 2016, the Supreme Court published *Markoff v. Lizama*, 2016 MP 7, holding that the trial court did not err in finding an enforceable contract between Juan T. Lizama and Dr. Alan Stuart Markoff, DDS, because Lizama and Markoff mutually assented to the essential terms of the contract. Further, the court stated that the trial court retained jurisdiction even if it failed to join an alleged indispensable party. Lastly, the court found Lizama's Statute of Frauds argument unpersuasive because the contract was not a suretyship agreement as Lizama contended.

The pertinent facts stem from an oral contract between Markoff and Lizama in 2012. In June of that year, the parties met multiple times to discuss the condition of Lizama's brother's teeth. Markoff testified that at their initial meeting, Lizama stated he "felt that it was his responsibility...to take care of his brother," meaning Lizama would pay for his brother's dental treatment. After that meeting, Lizama's brother ("Antonio") visited Markoff's clinic, received a comprehensive dental evaluation, and was charged for that evaluation. Markoff then prepared a treatment proposal and discussed the proposal with Lizama at a subsequent meeting. At that meeting, Lizama told Markoff to "Take care of my brother. He doesn't have any money and I will pay for it." Markoff then commenced dental work on Antonio.

Markoff billed Lizama $6,381 for the dental work he provided Antonio. After Lizama paid $1,000, he refused to make any additional payments on the account. Markoff then sued Lizama for breach of contract, seeking to recover the balance of the account.

The trial court ruled in favor Markoff. It stated that Markoff and Lizama entered into an enforceable contract, and the terms of that contract were that Markoff would commence dental work on Antonio, and Lizama would pay for those services.

Lizama presented three arguments on appeal. First, he argued that an enforceable contract did not exist between the parties because the parties failed to mutually assent to the essential terms of the contract. Second, he argued that the trial court was without jurisdiction because Antonio was not joined as a party to the suit. Last, he argued that the contract was subject to the Statute of Frauds because it was a contract to answer for the duty of another.

The Supreme Court ruled against Lizama on all three issues. It rejected Lizama's first argument because, as the trial court noted, the evidence indicated that the parties mutually assented to the essential terms of the contract: Markoff would provide dental services to Antonio, and Lizama would pay the corresponding costs. It found Lizama's second argument unpersuasive because the federal interpretation of an analogous rule indicated that the failure to join a materially interested individual does not divest the trial court of jurisdiction. Lastly, it found Lizama's Statute of Frauds argument unconvincing because the contract between Markoff and Lizama was not a suretyship agreement. It stated that the agreement was not a suretyship agreement because a suretyship agreement is a contract to pay for the duty of another, and Antonio was under no duty. ***(PR)***

UNITED STATES
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities
2017 – 2021 State Plan Goals & Objectives

Each State Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council is required to submit a 5-Year State Plan to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) outlining the intended use of federal funding allocated for its basic operational grant. State Plans are focused on improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities through full inclusion and participation in all aspects of community life. The federal government expects DD Councils to identify goals that can be achieved in five years using available resources. Federal law mandates that the State Plan address some or all the Areas of Emphasis established by Congress in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act).

The Areas of Emphasis are as follow:
Child Care – Community Supports – Early Intervention – Education – Employment – Health Related—Housing—Quality Assurance—Recreation—Transportation

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities will be conducting its public hearings on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota on how best the Council can and should serve all individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. During the public hearings, all persons with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, the general public will be provided the opportunity to review and offer comment or input on its 2017-2021 FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN.

	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TINIAN	JUNE 21, 2016	1:00pm-2:00pm	NMC-Tinian Campus Room "C" **(Via Video Telecommunication)**
ROTA	JUNE 22, 2016	1:00pm-2:00pm	NMC-Rota Campus **(Via Video Telecommunication)**
SAIPAN	JUNE 30, 2016	1:00pm-2:00pm	Assistive Technology Center **Building#1310, Capitol Hill**

CNMI CDD's proposed priorities are set forth in our Five-Year State Plan, which is developed based on data gathered from a statewide needs assessment of the most pressing needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and the areas of emphasis that the Council will focus on for the next five years. Please note that CNMI CDD does not provide direct services.

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities
State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2017 – 2021
Goals & Objectives

Goal 1 – Self Advocacy
Promote and support the development of leadership and self advocacy capacity among people with development disabilities.

Objective 1.1 – Self-Advocacy
Provide support to strengthen a State Self-Advocacy organization led by people with developmental disabilities.
Objective 1.2 – Self-Advocacy
Support opportunities for people with developmental disabilities who are considered leaders to provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities who may become leaders.
Objective 1.3 – Self-Advocacy
Support participation of people with developmental disabilities in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.

Goal 2 – Service System Improvement
The Council will work with partners on at least two (2) systems change initiative and provide information, education, and skill building activities each year so that individuals and/or students with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have improved transition services from high school through post-school transition into meaningful post-school outcomes with adequate services and supports and increased opportunities in employment in the CNMI.

Objective 2.1 – Employment
By 2021, create more opportunities for young adults and job seekers with developmental disabilities to have meaningful employment opportunities with competitive wages and exhibit their abilities and skills in an inclusive environment working alongside their peers without disabilities by working with the CNMI Disability Network Partners to educate communities, training staff, and writing one state policy by September 2021 to improve services that support fully integrated, competitive employment.
Objective 2.2 – Transition
By 2021, collaborate with the CNMI Transition Coalition, the CNMI Disability Network Partners and others to create or improve at least one practice designed to improve transition outcomes for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities from high school through postsecondary education/training.

Goal 3 - Respite Care
Family members and/or Caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities and individuals who are medically fragile will have access to respite services made available through the Commonwealth Respite Services Program (CNMI PL 14-36).

Objective 3.1 - Respite Care
By 2021, collaborate with the Commonwealth Respite Service Program and partners to improve and/or expand training to thirty (30) respite caregivers in underserved and unserved communities of Tinian and Rota.

Goal 4 - Emergency Preparedness
People with developmental will be afforded the same level of safety as all, be involved in the process to plan, advocate, and take charge for themselves when an emergency arise, and to have a clear idea of what to do in such situation.

Objective 4.1 – Emergency Preparedness
By 2021, collaborate with the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, CNMI Disability Network Partners, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, CNMI CORE and other community -based stakeholders to effectively incorporate the functional and accessibility needs of CNMI residents with developmental disabilities in emergency planning.

Your Input Wanted:
Public review of the Five Year State is required by law and helps us improve the plan. The public review period provides a 45-day window of opportunity for CNMI residents to evaluate the newly developed Goals and Objectives, and to share their comments so we can make improvements. We also welcome your suggestions for strategies and activities to help us achieve these goals and objectives.
The Five Year State Plan will be available on online at www.cnmicdd.org

Other accessible formats of the document are available upon request. Please contact our office at (670) 664-7003/5 or email cnmicouncilondd@gmail.com
Please submit written comments by email to cnmicouncilondd@gmail.com or by fax at (670) 323-7006. For each comment, please reference goal number and objective number.

Comment period:
May 19 – July 2, 2016
Comments must be received via email by 4:30 p.m. CHST on July 2, 2016.

Thank you for your input!

Personal trainers plant seed for healthy lifestyle

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Gold's Gym Saipan's personal trainers Aaron Tomokane and Valerie De Mesa, center back, pose with participants of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library 10th Annual Summer Program last Thursday where they served as special guest presenters.

Aaron Tomokane and Valerie De Mesa, Gold's Gym Saipan's personal trainers, visited the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library as special guest presenters for the 10th Annual JKPL Summer Program this past Thursday, June 16.

Seventy-four youngsters from 6 to 8 years old attended the morning session and 83 youth 9 to 12 years old attended the afternoon session. Tomokane and De Mesa shared information about health, fitness, and nutrition to the energetic youth who are attending the summer program.

Gold's Gym Saipan general manager Tyce Mister shared, "I hope that meeting our personal trainers plants a seed in all of the youth attending the summer program to maintain a healthy lifestyle of fitness and proper nutrition."

Additionally, the participants were able to be active and participate in dynamic stretching, functional fitness, core stability and agility training. De Mesa stated, "This was my first time working with so many children; it was fun! The participants were excited to do the activities and I enjoyed their smiles and laughter."

Celina Foreman, JKPL Outreach coordinator, commented, "It was a great experience for the kids and volunteers. It was both fun and very educational. The children enjoyed and loved the presentation, most especially the fitness and agility training."

Both personal trainers are certified under the National Academy of Sports Medicine and have regular clients as well as teach classes at Gold's Gym Saipan. If you would like more information about gym memberships and/or personal training please contact Gold's Gym Saipan at (670) 233-4000 or visit them on Facebook. ***(PR)***

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Restaurant General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt, 50 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Area General Manager (AGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
Prioritize, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
  - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
  - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
  - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
  - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financials:
  - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
  - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
  - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
- Operations:
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
  - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Skills
- Analytical: Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
- Problem Solving: Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
- Organization & Planning: Able to organize priorities and develop/execute plans achieving desired results.
- Coaching: Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
- Team Building: Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant Restaurant General Manager (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Assistant Restaurant General Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The ARGM assists the RGM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
  - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
  - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- Operations
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
  - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
  - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Manager (2)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Assistant Restaurant General Manager (ARGM)
Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The SM assists the RGM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

Essential Accountabilities
- People
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan
  - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
- Operations
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Delivery Driver (7)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Part Time, Non-Exempt, less than 32 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC) / Dispatcher

Summary of Responsibilities
Delivers customer's order in a timely and safe manner within accordance of Pizza Hut guidelines and compliance with State and Federal traffic laws.

Essential Functions
- Drives competently and complies with all traffic laws.
- Delivers products in a timely manner with accuracy and courteousness.
- Collects checks, cash or credit card slips to properly tender order.
- Performs secondary duties such as washing dishes, cleaning, prep and cooking duties.
- Keeps car and work area clean and organized throughout shift.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. Must have an acceptable driving record. Must provide own insured vehicle for deliveries. Able to read and follow road maps. Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. Must be able to communicate clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for a minimum of four hours. Requires driving, standing and walking for most of the workday. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. occasionally.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

EMPLOYER'S RIGHTS: *This job description does not list all the duties of the job. You may be asked by your supervisors or managers to perform other duties. You will be evaluated in part based upon your performance of the tasks listed in this job description. The employer has the right to revise this job description at any time. The job description is not a contract for employment, and either you or the employer may terminate employment at any time, for any reason.*

All interested applicants may get application at Pizza Hut Restaurant in Gualo Rai • Closing Date: June 21, 2016

GPPC, INC. Job Opening:

Mechanical Engineering Technicians (03) $6.50-$7.00/hour
Must be a college graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as a Mechanical Engineering Technician with knowledge on how to apply Theory and Principles of Mechanical Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and other facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

Truck Driver (05) $6.10 - $7.45/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years experiences as a Truck Driver with knowledge on how to drive a Tractor Trailer or Trucks that has a capacity of at least 26,000 GVW for various construction materials transportation

Automobile Electrician (04) $6.10 - $7.00/hour
Must have at least 5 years work related experience. Able to diagnose and undertake electrical repairs on a wide variety of vehicles and heavy equipment. With knowledge on electric motor, alternator, starter and motor rewinding.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic (05) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

Heavy Equipment Operator (20) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as HE Operator. With knowledge how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concretes and etc.

Mason (20) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 3 years experience as Mason. With knowledge how to do smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters; patch voids; and use saws to cut expansion joints.

Welder (5) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as a Welder. With knowledge how to use hand-welding, flame-cutting, hand soldering, or brazing equipment to weld or join metal components or to fill holes, indentations, or seams of fabricated metal products.

Accounting Technician (05) $7.00- $9.33 per hour
College graduate with a minimum of 2-5 years experience as an Accounting Technician. Capable of performing combines routine calculations, posting and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data to maintain accounting records.

Architectural Drafter Technician (06) $6.10 - $8.25/hour
College graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Architectural Technician. Capable of preparing detailed drawings of architectural/structural features of buildings as well as drawings and photographic relief maps used in civil engineering projects such as highways, bridges and other public works. Knowledgeable on building materials engineering practices/mathematics used to complete drawings drafts.

Machinist (02) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

All of the above positions must be able to work flexible time. Interested applicants may apply at GPPC,INC. office located at As Perdido, Saipan. A copy of police clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills, testing maybe required.
Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.
GPPC, INC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Closing Date: June 27, 2016

PSS MSU JCLC encampment successful

Last June 8, the CNMI MSU Brigade held its annual JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge at the Saipan Southern High School Campus and was hosted by Kagman High School.

All in all, there were 140 participants, including instructors and chaperones from SSHS, Kagman High School, Marianas High School, Tinian High School, and Rota High School.

JCLC consisted of leadership skills practice, physical activities, survival skills, and getting to know each the cadets from the other battalions. It was training during the day, and fireguard/toc guard/ gateguard at night. On the first day, the Stallion and Buck Battalion arrived on Saipan and went to the camping grounds to set up their tents. First on the scene was the Manta Ray Battalion, helping and assisting other battalions. KHS was in charge of leadership for that day.

The following day, KHS switched the leadership over to SSHS/THS. In charge of physical training that day were C/LTC Matthew Kapileo (Manta Ray Battalion Commander), C/MAJ Ezekiel Rafanan, and C/CSM June Alipio. They lead the physical training on the school grounds then conducted a mile esprit de corps run off-campus. After PT, breakfast was served and cadets changed into their Army Combat Uniforms (ACUs). While in their ACUs, the brigade was separated into four groups, and conducted round-robin training stations.

There were four stations, Land Navigation, Hasty Repelling/One Rope Bridge/ Knot Tying, Leadership Reaction Course, and First-Aid.

During dinner that night, the Manta Ray provided entertainment for the other battalions; they sang songs and performed dance numbers.

On the third day, the leadership was MHS/RHS the brigade loaded up into buses and went to Marianas Resort outdoor swimming pool, Marpi for water activities training. The brigade was separated in two groups; in the first group, the cadets learned how to use their rucksacks and ponchos to make a floating device, in case of emergencies. The second group learned how to use their ACU jackets and pants as floating devices. After the activities, each school provided one male and one female to race against other battalions for a 100m swim. The winning male was from Rota and the winning female was from Tinian.

The brigade went back to the campsite and started the sports competitions. Taking the trophy for volleyball was Marianas High School and for basketball, Saipan Southern High School, with a score of 5-4. It was a close game! MHS and RHS provided entertainment for that night and each battalion had a game or performed. It was a fun night!

On the last day of JCLC, the cadets took down their tents and cleaned up their surroundings. They had one last breakfast together before they bid their goodbyes. First to depart back was Tinian, followed by Rota.

All in all, JCLC was successful and fun and we hope it'll be the same next time! ***(PR)***

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CNMI PSS MSU JROTC group photo on the last day of JCLC last June 11.

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CNMI MSU Brigade in ACU, being briefed for Round-Robin Training.

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Male cadets from Saipan Southern High School helping each other set up their tents.

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Group 2 of cadets during the 1-mile run lead by First Sergeant (Retired) Jose King.

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Cadets learning how to use ACU jacket and pants as floating devices.

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Marianas High School won the volleyball competition.

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Saipan Southern High School was the basketball champion.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:	**Civil Action No. 97-0307 CV**
CONCEPCION MUNA MANGLONA,	**NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR DECREE OF PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION**
Decedent.	**DATE: July 14, 2016** **TIME: 9:00 a.m.** **JUDGE: Camacho**

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE CONCEPCION MUNA MANGLONA:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Norman T. Tenorio,** Interested Party of the Estate of Concepcion Muna Manglona, has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a **Petition for Final Decree of Partial Distribution** in the above captioned matter. The attorney for Norman T. Tenorio is **Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on the Petition for Decree of Partial Distribution has been set for the 14th day of July, 2016 at 9:00 am, at the Superior Court of t he Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia , Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 10th of June 2016.

Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

JUNE 20, 2016

This is to inform the general public that the **TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION (TCGCC)** will conduct a public hearing on Friday, June 24, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Tinian Superior Court.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the suitability and qualifications of **TINIAN ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY, LTD./CHEN CHIEN-YEH** to hold a Casino Operator's License for the operation of a hotel-casino complex on Tinian.

/s/ William M. Cing
Executive Director

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB16-COTA/FTA-132

SUBMISSION: JULY 08, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"PURCHASE OF ONE (1) MEDIUM-DUTY LOW FLOOR ADA ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT BUS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AFTER, **JUNE 13, 2016** AT COTA, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, 2ND FLOOR, NMI RETIREMENT FUND BUILDING, ISA DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN.

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Bordallo urges adoption of Rodriguez visa-waiver resolution

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo released the following statement in support of Resolution 308-33 (LS), which was introduced by Senator Dennis Rodriguez Jr. The resolution encourages Governor Calvo to petition the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to include Vietnam and the Philippines in the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program.

Bordallo

"I thank Senator Rodriguez for introducing this resolution to express the Legislature's support for Governor Calvo to petition the Department of Homeland Security to include Vietnam and the Philippines in the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. I hope that Senator Rodriguez's resolution will pass soon so we can demonstrate clear support for this initiative. Senator Rodriguez's leadership on this issue is critical to advancing the cause and showing a "One Guam" approach to this particular issue.

"I have long encouraged Governor Calvo to exercise authority Congress gave to him in 2008 to add additional countries to our Visa Waiver Program. This resolution compliments my call to diversify our tourism industry. Specifically, in my Congressional Address in March I called on Governor Calvo to use authority available to him to expand our visa waiver program to citizens from the Philippines and Vietnam. The middle class is growing in both countries so targeting their markets early could have very positive long-term benefits for Guam. Tourism is the foundation of our economy and it is critical that we expand to new markets and attract new visitors to our island. I encourage our local Senators to support this resolution and hope that Governor Calvo will exercise authority Congress extended to him in the 2008 Consolidated Natural Resources Act." ***(PR)***

USCGC *Sequoia* visits Saipan, open for tours

APRA HARBOR, Guam—USCGC *Sequoia* (WLB-215), homeported in Apra Harbor, Guam, is scheduled to arrive today, for a port visit before continuing aids to navigation operations in Western Oceania.

The *Sequoia* will be open to the public for tours Sunday from 12pm to 4pm, at the Port of Saipan in Tanapag Harbor. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Pets are not allowed aboard the cutter. Coast Guard crewmembers will be standing by to answer questions about *Sequoia*.

The *Sequoia* conducted fisheries enforcement patrols, supporting forum fisheries agency operations and conducting aids to navigation within Western Oceania in support of Operation Tui Moana and Island Chief 2016.

The aim of Operation Tui Moana and Island Chief 2016 is to detect, report and/or apprehend potential illegal, unreported, unregulated activity and to enhance countries throughout the Pacific island regions involvement and participation in maritime fisheries surveillance and response operations.

Media interested in conducting interviews must contact *Sequoia*'s public affairs officer via email: Peter.M.Driscoll@uscg.mil.

In August 2015, *Sequoia* assisted with relief efforts in Saipan for Typhoon Soudelor by reopening the port to navigation, which allowed the flow of vital supplies and personnel to help restore the island.

Sequoia is a multi-mission, 225-foot, juniper-class seagoing buoy tender. In addition to maintaining aids to navigation in the Marianas and the Marshall Islands, the crew conducts search and rescue, fisheries law enforcement, homeland security, and living marine resources patrols. *Sequoia*'s crew is responsible for all Coast Guard-maintained aids to navigation in the Western Pacific and has a crew of eight officers and 43 enlisted. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

USCGC *Sequoia* (WLB-215) in this stock photo from the U.S. Coast Guard.

UOG professor Inoue-Smith receives award for tanka poem

University of Guam School of Education professor of Foundations, Educational Research and Human Services Dr. Yukiko Inoue-Smith recently received the Certificate of Merit for a poem she submitted to the 8th International Tanka Festival 2016.

Inoue-Smith

The Festival, held in Karuizawa, Japan from June 4 to 6, 2016, brought together nearly 300 people from around the world who appreciate and write tanka, an ancient style of Japanese poetry that requires the writer to develop a five-line lyric poem utilizing as few words as possible. In the Japanese language, the poem should consist of 31 syllables in one line.

Out of 300 total entries submitted, Inoue-Smith's poem was one of 13 to receive the Certificate of Merit—the event's highest award.

"Writing poetry is my religion," Inoue-Smith said. "It's a way of life."

Aya Yuhki, one of the panel judges for the competition, commented that Inoue-Smith's poem "excellently expressed her feeling" [of loneliness] arising in a moment of change and over the course of many years, skillfully using the tanka form to record both "an instant inspiration" and "emotion spanning…half one's life."

Inoue-Smith has published nine poetry books, the latest titled "The Shape of Love," which expresses her innermost thoughts and feelings about her life.

Inoue-Smith started writing poetry during her undergraduate studies and has developed her tanka writing skills over the years—exploring topics of struggle and loneliness to document her life's journey of learning to adapt in a new country.

"For a part of my life, I struggled, but I was constantly making efforts to improve," she said. "Improvement is the key to surviving."

Inoue-Smith said she enjoys the tanka because it forces the author to be meticulous in word choice and succinct, which creates a greater impact for the reader.

"It's short and to the point," she said. "It takes time, but I enjoy the challenge."

Read the poem below.

Rain brings the color
Of pearls to foreign skies—
I have lived hard here
Using loneliness
As food for the spirit

(Japanese translation)
真珠色の
雨の降るなり
寂しさを
糧といそしみし
外つ国の地に ***(PR)***

Coast Guard cutter *Washington* holds change of command ceremony

SANTA RITA, Guam—Lt. Collinson Burgwyn relieved Lt. Ronald Miller as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Cutter *Washington*.

Coast Guard Cutter *Washington*'s change of command took place Friday at Sumay Cove, Naval Base Guam. The ceremony was presided by Capt. James Pruett, Commander, Coast Guard Sector Guam. The event was attended by RADM Vincent Atkins, Commander, 14th Coast Guard District. Family, friends, and Coasties from the various units on Guam wished LT Miller fair winds and following seas as he embarks upon his new assignment.

Lt. Miller and Lt. Burgwyn both received their commission as Ensigns from the USCG Officer Candidate School in New London, CT in 2008. Lt. Miller is a native of San Clemente, California. Lt. Burgwyn is a native of the Tidewater area of Virginia.

Washington is the 31st of 49 "Island Class" cutters, measuring 110 feet in length and was built to replace the Coast Guard's 95-foot "Cape Class" patrol boat fleet in the late 1980s. *Washington* conducts Search and Rescue response, Ports Waterways and Coastal Security operations, and enforces the Laws and Treaties of the United States in and around Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, and Federated States of Micronesia. ***(PR)***

Business

Orlando tourism: No mass cancellations now but future unsure

By BETH J. HARPAZ
AP TRAVEL EDITOR

Experts say it's too soon to gauge whether a week of horrific news out of Orlando will hurt tourism there. But travel agents are not seeing widespread cancellations, and many travelers say they're committed to visiting.

"I had more people worrying last year about, 'Should I postpone my trip because of Ebola?'" than are worried about going to Orlando, said Cindy Minor, owner of Small World Big Fun, a travel agency specializing in Disney vacations based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Orlando has been rocked in the past week by three events: the mass murder of 49 people in a nightclub, the fatal shooting of singer Christina Grimmie after a concert, and a 2-year-old killed by an alligator at a Disney World resort lagoon. It remains to be seen whether the bad news will shake Orlando's status as the top tourist destination in the U.S., with 66 million visitors in 2015.

"Not one person has said, 'Put the trip off,' or 'We were thinking about it but we want to wait,'" Minor said.

Fatal alligator attacks rare

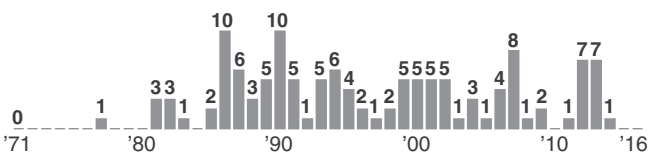
Though Florida has grown to the nation's third-most populous state, fatal alligator attacks remain rare. Before the Disney World Resort child's death, 23 people had been killed by wild alligators in Florida since 1973.

Alligator bites on people in Florida through April 2016

All bites reported are considered unprovoked bites. Unprovoked bites are defined as bites on people by wild alligators, which were not provoked by handling or intentional harassment.

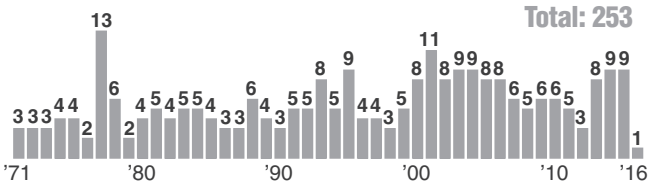
Minor bites: Minor bites are those in which the victims' injuries were superficial and required no treatment or only first aid.

Total: 126



Major bites: Major bites are those in which the victims' injuries required medical care, beyond first aid, to treat wounds. This column includes fatal bites.

Total: 253



Fatal bites:

Total: 23

NOTE: These statistics are the latest figures available and may not include recent incidents that are still undergoing investigation.

Source: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Mitsubishi offers cash to Japan owners for rigged mileage

TOKYO (AP)—Mitsubishi Motors is giving 100,000 yen ($960) to each Japanese owner of its car as a compensation for inflated mileage and extra gas costs.

The Japanese automaker said Friday it will take a 50 billion yen ($913 million) charge to cover mileage-rigging expenses, including for the eK minicar models sold in Japan since 2013, and also under the Nissan label, as well as 30,000 yen ($290) compensation each for some other Mitsubishi models.

Minicars are tiny models popular in Japan, and generally promise great mileage.

Tokyo-based Mitsubishi Motors Corp. acknowledged in recent months that it was systematically cheating on mileage tests on a variety of models for decades. It has denied any falsified mileage data for overseas models.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Prosecutors drop drug trafficking case against FedEx

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A criminal trial nearly two years in the making alleging FedEx knowingly delivered illegal prescription drugs to dealers and addicts ended suddenly Friday when prosecutors moved to dismiss all charges against the shipping giant. U.S. District Court Judge Charles Breyer in San Francisco granted the request in a two-page order that did not indicate why prosecutors were dropping the case. The U.S. Attorney's Office said it would have no comment on the decision. FedEx was indicted in 2014, and the trial began on Monday. In court on Friday, Breyer said FedEx was "factually innocent." He said the company repeatedly asked the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to give it the name of a customer that was shipping illegal drugs so it could stop working with the person, but the agency was either unwilling or unable to do so.

Apple ordered to suspend iPhone 6 sales in Beijing

BEIJING (AP)—A Chinese regulator has ordered Apple Inc. to stop selling two versions of its iPhone 6 in Beijing after finding they look too much like a competitor, but Apple says sales are going ahead while it appeals. The ruling by an intellectual property tribunal is the latest legal stumbling block for Apple in its second-biggest global market following the suspension of its iTunes movie service in April. The company also faces rising competition from local brands including Huawei and Xiaomi, which have gained market share. The order by the Beijing tribunal said the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus looked too much like the 100C model made by Shenzhen Beili, a small Chinese brand. The order was issued in May but reported this week by the Chinese press.

Putin says Russia will work with any US president

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)—President Vladimir Putin says Russia will work with whoever is elected the new U.S. president. Putin earlier on Friday dodged the question of whether he would prefer Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton as the new commander-in-chief. Speaking at a meeting with the leaders of the major news agencies Putin said Moscow is unfazed by the often anti-Russia "campaign rhetoric" and will judge the new president "by their deeds, not by their words." Putin said he would "seek ways" to restore ties that were dampened by Russia's annexation of the Crimean peninsula in March 2014 and its support to separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine.

Nation

Trump: 'It would be helpful' if Republicans would help him

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Donald Trump railed Saturday against efforts by some frustrated Republicans planning a last-ditch effort to try to thwart him from becoming the party's nominee, threatening at one point to stop fundraising if Republicans don't rally around him.

Speaking at a theater at the Treasure Island hotel on the Las Vegas strip, Trump referred to "an insurgent group" trying to deny him delegates at the party's July convention.

"Now you have a couple of guys that were badly defeated and they're trying to organize maybe like a little bit of a delegate revolt," he said. "I thought they already tried that."

Trump pushed back against such efforts several times during his speech, claiming they were somehow "illegal" and then dismissing them as a media-generated fabrication.

"It's all made up by the press," he said. "It's a hoax, I'm telling you."

While Trump dismisses the effort as invented, more Republicans in Congress are saying they will not attend the party convention and are not endorsing his candidacy. Meanwhile, a movement exists among some conservative delegates and operatives to change party rules to allow a different nominee, though it's a longshot effort lacking sufficient backing and a candidate to offer up at an alternative.

Indeed, Trump wondered aloud who his opponents would pick as a replacement, a problem that has plagued the "Never Trump" movement for months.

"Who are they going to pick? I beat everybody. But I don't mean beat—I beat the hell out of them," he said.

At one point in his speech, Trump asserted without offering evidence that former rival Jeb Bush and a second Republican whom he did not name were part of the movement opposing him. Neither Bush nor another former rival, Sen. Ted Cruz, has endorsed Trump.

Trump has continued to face resistance from Republicans who have voiced increasing concern over his inflammatory rhetoric. And he appeared increasingly frustrated Saturday, saying, "It would be helpful if the Republicans could help us a little bit."

The billionaire businessman also threatened that, if Republicans don't come together, he was prepared to stop fundraising and go back to largely self-funding his campaign.

"I'd love to do it," said Trump, who has been holding fundraisers across the county this week largely benefiting the Republican National Committee. "You know, life is like a two-way street."

As Orlando funerals wrap up, survivors worry about future

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—A week has passed since the Orlando nightclub shooting that killed 49 club patrons and the funeral processions are wrapping up, but survivors and victims' families say they realize the nightmare will live on long after the world's attention fades.

Jeannette McCoy made it out of the Pulse nightclub alive on June 12 as gunman Omar Mateen continued a shooting that also wounded and maimed 53 others before he died in a hail of police gunfire.

McCoy said the love and support can only do so much to help. It's a temporary balm, she said, and she worried that while life may return to normal for some people after the world's attention moves on, it won't for Orlando's LGBT community.

"All of this has been so traumatizing," she said. "The way that our community has been impacted, it's just so unfortunate. We have so many wonderful lives that have been lost. When we look at all these crosses, and all these faces, all these stories, it hurts. It hurts so much."

On Saturday, across from Cathedral Church of St. Luke, where Christopher Andrew Leinonen's funeral was held, hundreds lined the street holding "We Support You" and other signs. The 32-year-old Leinonen was with his friends at Pulse early last Sunday when gunman Omar Mateen opened fire, killing 49 club-goers and wounding 53 others. Mateen died later after being shot by police.

Brandon Wolf was with Leinonen and shooting victim Juan Ramon Guerrero. The 27-year-old Wolf managed to make it out alive.

He says Leinonen, whom he called Drew, changed his life, and eased his pain when he was hurting.

"He looked me in the eyes that night and did what Drew always did, he said 'I love you,' Wolf said. "That is Drew's lasting message to us, 'I love you.'"

Woman rescues 5-year-old son from mountain lion's jaws

DENVER (AP)—Summoned by the sound of screams, a Colorado woman raced to her front yard to find a terrifying sight: A mountain lion was hunched over her 5-year-old son, biting him.

The woman charged the animal, yanked away one of its paws and discovered her son's whole head was in its mouth. She didn't back down.

"She was able to pry the cat's jaws open," Pitkin County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Buglione said. "She's a hero."

The boy suffered deep cuts to his head, face and neck and was flown to a Denver hospital. His mother, who also was scratched and bitten, is credited with saving his life.

The ordeal started Friday evening when the 5-year-old and his older brother were playing outside their home near the resort town of Aspen, Buglione said.

When the woman ran outside, she found the lion crouched over her younger son, who was struggling to get free.

"The boy was completely under the cat," Buglione told The Aspen Times.

The mother pried open the lion's mouth with her hands, scooped up the child and ran away, the deputy said.

The boy's father had just returned from a run when the attack occurred. He jumped in the car with his wife and son and called 911 as they sped to the Aspen hospital.

From there, the child was flown to Children's Hospital in Denver in fair condition. On Saturday, a hospital spokeswoman told the Times she was not authorized to release any details on his condition.

Asia

Philippine poor get hit early in Duterte-inspired crackdown

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—In a crackdown bearing the Philippine president-elect's name, police have rounded up hundreds of children or their parents to enforce a night curfew for minors, and taken away drunk and shirtless men roaming metropolitan Manila's slums. The poor, who were among Rodrigo Duterte's strongest supporters, are getting a foretaste of the war against crime he has vowed to wage.

AP

In this Wednesday June 8, 2016 photo, a Filipino street dweller wearing a rubber bracelet bearing the name of Philippine President-elect Rodrigo Duterte sits inside a police station with her son after their arrest for violating the night curfew in Manila, Philippines.

During a surprise sweep witnessed by The Associated Press last week, a girl who appeared to be about 10 years old was dragged to a police van for curfew violation. She protested that she had been outside only to take out the garbage. A boy about the same age cried, "I do not want to go!" A slightly older-looking boy, looking terrified, dropped the box of a rice and beef meal he'd just bought when police apprehended him.

A bewildered mother sleeping on a sidewalk with her toddler wailed when a social worker took her son, and she was dragged to a police vehicle. "Where is my child? I will go crazy here!" she shouted, pleading with police to "please have mercy on me."

The woman wore a rubber bracelet bearing Duterte's name. She relaxed when a social worker brought her son to the same vehicle.

The crackdown is dubbed "Oplan Rody." Oplan is short for operation plan, while Rody is both an acronym for "Rid the Streets of Drinkers and Youth" and the nickname of Duterte, who becomes president June 30.

In the weeks since the tough-talking mayor of southern Davao city won the presidential election, energized police and local officials have dusted off little-enforced city ordinances like night-to-dawn curfews for minors, a ban on drinking alcohol in the streets and shirtless men in public places.

Indonesia lets migrants ashore after week on stranded boat

LHOKNGA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia allowed a group of Tamil migrants from Sri Lanka to come ashore in Aceh province on Saturday after confining them to their stranded boat for a week, but is insisting they'll be towed out to sea once the vessel is repaired.

Rights groups have criticized Indonesia's treatment of the 44 men, women and children and the Aceh provincial government's plan to abandon them in international waters.

The migrants were being sheltered in tents after being allowed off their boat Saturday during rough weather.

Ahmad Samadan, chief of the local immigration office, said authorities still plan to tow the migrants into international waters once further repairs to the vessel are completed.

"They are being sheltered ashore," he said. "We still have our initial plan of towing them back to sea."

The group was trying to reach the Australian territory of Christmas Island when their boat's engine malfunctioned off the coast of Indonesia's Sumatra island. They had been at sea for about a month after leaving from India in the Indian-flagged boat. Amnesty International has said the minority Tamils may have been fleeing persecution in Sri Lanka.

Officials from the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations' refugee agency have been denied access to the migrants. Earlier in the week, police fired a warning shot when six women tried to leave the beached vessel.

Some of the migrants appealed for a new boat, saying theirs was in bad condition.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistan woman held in 'honor killing' of pregnant daughter

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Police in Pakistan have arrested a mother suspected of killing her pregnant daughter for marrying against the wishes of her family, the latest in a series of so-called "honor killings" in the conservative Muslim country. Local police official Arshad Mahamood said Saturday that the mother and her son slit the throat of 22-year-old Muqadas Tofeeq in the village of Butrawala in Punjab province. Tofeeq was the mother of a 10-month-old infant. He says Muqadas was lured into her parental home, where she was killed on Friday. Her husband, Mohammed Tofeeq, reported the murder. Nearly 1,000 women are killed in Pakistan each year for violating conservative norms on love and marriage.

Cambodian court sentences 77-year-old Briton for sex abuse

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—A provincial court in Cambodia on Friday sentenced a 77-year-old British man to 18 months' imprisonment on charges of sexually abusing three boys. Roy Sheppard was sentenced for indecent acts committed against three boys 12 to 16 years old, said Yin Srang, a spokesman for the court in the northeastern province of Siem Reap. Action Pour Les Enfants, a private group that fights sexual abuse of children, said Sheppard was arrested in October after complaints were received from the boys' parents. It said it was unclear if he would serve his sentence, since he was at large after being released on bail for health reasons.

World

Accused killer of UK lawmaker makes defiant court statement

LONDON (AP)—The man accused of murdering British lawmaker Jo Cox gave his name as "Death to traitors, freedom for Britain" in court Saturday, following the killing that has brought campaigning ahead of the country's EU referendum to a standstill.

Thomas Mair, 52, made his defiant statement as he made his first appearance in Westminster Magistrates' Court in London after being charged overnight with the murder of the popular Labour Party lawmaker.

Mair refused to give his correct name and did not answer when asked for his address and date of birth.

Labour Party lawmaker Cox, 41, was shot and stabbed to death Thursday after getting out of her car in the town of Birstall in her home constituency.

Cox

The rare killing in broad daylight of a British politician has stunned the country and silenced what had been a furious campaign ahead of Thursday's referendum on whether Britain should remain in the European Union.

Both sides suspended campaigning as a sign of respect for Cox, who became the first sitting member of Parliament to be killed in a quarter-century.

Major campaign events and rallies are not expected to resume until Monday or later, but there were signs Saturday of low-level campaigning being reactivated, with the "leave" campaign adding new posts to its Twitter feed.

Time is running out, and analysts say they expect the campaign tone to be more conciliatory and less confrontational when it resumes.

It is not clear what, if any, impact the killing of Cox may have on the referendum vote, which is expected by many observers to be close.

Mair was charged with murder, inflicting grievous bodily harm, possession of a firearm with intent to commit a crime, and other gun-related charges.

Deputy Chief Magistrate Emma Arbuthnot said in court that a psychiatric report should be prepared "bearing in mind the name he has just given."

Iraqi troops seize Fallujah hospital, clear mines

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraqi forces gained control of the main hospital in Fallujah on Saturday and were clearing mines after driving the Islamic State group from most of the city, one of its last remaining strongholds in the Anbar province west of Baghdad, a military official said.

Fighting was still underway in parts of the city, where U.S. and Iraqi warplanes targeted snipers and other IS positions, Brig. Gen. Haider al-Obeidi told The Associated Press.

Troops had cautiously advanced toward the hospital, fearing that the militants would use patients as human shields, but when they stormed the facility they found no patients inside, he said, adding that the Iraqi flag has been raised over the building.

The troops later captured the Dubbat neighborhood and are now pushing into the northern neighborhood of Golan and several small areas, he said.

Iraqi special forces swept into Fallujah on Friday, recapturing most of the city after weeks of fighting on its outskirts. Al-Obeidi said Friday that Iraqi troops controlled 80 percent of the city, with IS fighters concentrated in four districts on its northern edge.

Fallujah was the first Iraqi city to fall to the extremist group, in January 2014, and was the last major IS foothold in the sprawling Anbar province, the heartland of the country's Sunni minority. The group still controls Iraq's second largest city, Mosul, in the north.

Iraqi troops have been advancing under the cover of airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition and Iraq's air force. The operation inside the city of Fallujah was being conducted by the Iraqi army, regional and federal police forces as well as special anti-terrorism units. Shiite militias, known as the Popular Mobilization Force, remained outside Fallujah and have not taken part in the recent battles.

Russia's defense minister visits Syria, meets Assad

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia's defense minister visited Syria on Saturday to meet the country's leader and inspect the Russian air base there, a high-profile trip intended to underline Moscow's role in the region.

Sergei Shoigu met with President Bashar Assad in Damascus for talks that focused on cooperation between the two militaries and "some aspects of cooperation in the fight against terrorist groups," the Russian Defense Ministry said. It said Shoigu held talks with Assad on orders from President Vladimir Putin.

The visit comes a day after President Vladimir Putin suggested that some in the Syrian opposition could join the Cabinet to help advance the stalled peace process.

Shoigu also visited the Hemeimeem air base in the coasvival province of Lattakia, where he met with pilots and inspected their quarters, according to the Defense Ministry's spokesman, Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov.

Russia has conducted an air campaign in Syria since last September, helping Assad's forces win back some ground. Putin pulled back some of Russia's warplanes in March in what he described as a move to help encourage peace talks, but the military has maintained a strong presence at Hemeimeem.

A U.S.- and Russian- brokered cease-fire that began on Feb. 27 has helped reduce hostilities, but fierce fighting has continued in many areas, particularly around Aleppo. The Islamic State group and the al-Qaida branch in Syria, the Nusra Front, have been excluded from the truce.

Fighting around Aleppo and other areas in Syria has escalated in recent weeks, and Russia has recently issued an ultimatum for the U.S.-backed opposition units to leave Nusra-controlled areas or face air strikes, but later agreed to give more time for them to pull out.

Health & Fitness

'Biggest Loser' researcher explains why weight loss won't stick

By SAMMY CAIOLA
THE SACRAMENTO BEE

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Armando Gonzalez, a Sacramento therapist who studied former contestants on "The Biggest Loser," explains why people struggle to maintain new weights after shedding pounds.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—When Anne Miranda goes shopping for new clothes, she has to remind herself not to reach for a size 16.

Now a slim size 6, Miranda said she still sees herself "as a fat person" despite losing nearly 75 pounds three years ago. Adjusting to her new figure has been difficult at times, she said. So has keeping off the weight.

"It was like Christmas every morning, putting on clothes and having them fit or even be too big," she said of the period following her drop in weight. "I don't want to go back to where I was."

Miranda, 57, traveled from her Folsom, Calif., home to midtown's Fleet Feet running store last Tuesday night to listen to local therapist Armando Gonzalez give a talk about the psychological impact of drastic weight loss.

Gonzalez, who offers weight-loss counseling under the name Dr. Mondo, spoke just weeks after the release of new research about NBC reality show "The Biggest Loser" revealing that the majority of contestants who shed serious pounds during the program gained most or all of it back after returning home. A New York Times article on the finding has caused outcry among viewers, leaving many weight loss hopefuls to wonder if they're fighting a losing battle.

Gonzalez was not part of the recent study, but he conducted his own research on "Biggest Loser" contestants while writing his graduate dissertation in 2009. He conducted interviews with "Biggest Loser" participants and found that about 50 percent of people kept the weight off, while the other 50 percent gain it back.

While the new study focuses on the physiological factors that follow drastic weight loss and make maintenance difficult, such as sluggish metabolisms and low levels of leptin (a hormone that makes people feel full), Gonzalez's dissertation and his work since have revolved around the psychological struggles of people who experience the "yo-yo effect" of weight cycling.

A report this week from the American Medical Association found that 38 percent of American adults were obese as of 2014, up from 34 percent in 2006.

"Of course we're struggling to maintain our weight, because we're only treating a symptom of this experience," Gonzalez said. "Teaching someone how to eat and teaching them how to exercise, the calories in/calories out equation, don't get me wrong — that matters. … But in order to keep the weight off for good, you've got to get to the root of your struggle with food."

The current weight-loss conversation in America is too much about self-control and not enough about motivation, he said. While someone might be able to train themselves to cut out junk food to reach an end goal, those habits won't stick once that goal is achieved unless they make a real change to the way they view that particular vice, he said.

Gonzalez speaks often about his own weight-loss journey and how he has historically turned to food in times of stress and loneliness. After years of being the "funny fat guy," he became determined to get in shape but constantly battled weight fluctuation. He gained and lost 75 to 100 pounds more than a half-dozen times during the course of a decade, he said, before getting to the mental root of his problem.

"It's not just because I like cheeseburgers," he said. "There's a deeper relationship that I have cultivated over time with that food, and understanding that is going to be the key to making different choices, and the key to me finding self-care in new areas separate from food."

In addition to his private therapy practice in midtown, Gonzalez offers a self-designed online program called Roadmap to Weight Loss, which breaks the weight loss process down into eight stages. The program's eight modules guide clients through each step of weight loss, from finding an "anchor for change" or motivation to get healthy, to "rewriting your story" or coming to terms with a new identity after the pounds drop.

Fleet Feet Sacramento invited the therapist to promote his program because it pairs so well with the store's eight-week No Boundaries beginner running group, which began Saturday, said Amy Rihel, director of training programs.

"We see a lot of people who walk through the door just to lose weight," she said. "But running isn't a quick fix. It's not the only thing. … We're really excited for this partnership and to see it blossom and grow."

Gonzalez said bringing psychological support to Sacramento organizations that help people lose weight is one of his main goals going forward. Too often, he said, trainers know how to help clients shed pounds but are not equipped to prepare them emotionally for what happens next.

Losing weight should be viewed as a drastic life change, akin to getting divorced or having a child, Gonzalez said. He found in his "Biggest Loser" interviews that people who lose large amounts of weight in a short period experience a lot of stress around their new identities. They might start receiving attention from potential romantic interests or be treated differently by their partners or even strangers on the street, he said. All of those changes, if not handled with care, can cause people to revert to their old habits as a way of coping.

"We have confetti and streamers, like on 'The Biggest Loser,' come down from the ceiling when you lose weight and we think, OK, great, see you later," he said. "But the reality is there's more than meets the eye from that transition. And there's a problem with us not viewing weight loss as a life transition."

Doctor's orders: eat your fruits, veggies

By SARAH ELMS
THE RECORD-EAGLE, TRAVERSE CITY, MICH.

TRAVERSE CITY—Elizabeth Garcia likes her fruits and vegetables fresh, not frozen. So she was pleasantly surprised when her doctor told her she could receive a voucher for $100 to use at The Village at Grand Traverse Commons farmers market.

"I have COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and I'm diabetic, so getting fresh fruits and vegetables is important," Garcia said.

The voucher is part of the Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program, a pilot project aimed at helping people with chronic illness access fresh greens and fruits. Chronic disease patients, like those with high cholesterol, high blood pressure or diabetes, at Munson Healthcare's family practice qualify.

Patients of all income levels are eligible, though one of the program's goals is to help those who can't afford fresh produce to access healthy foods.

Amanda Woods, Munson's community health coordinator, said the pilot is modeled after a successful program in Washtenaw County called Prescription for Health.

Munson received about $50,000 in grants from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to help provide up to 200 patients with $100 in market vouchers through September.

So far 62 people enrolled.

Woods said a quality diet is key to managing chronic illness, and the vouchers should help increase fruit and veggie consumption. Enrollees must also attend four nutrition education sessions throughout the market season to receive their vouchers.

Laura McCain, a clinical dietician with Munson, holds workshops every hour on the hour from noon to 4 p.m. at the Monday markets to show patients how to prepare their greens and fruits. The talks are interactive and tailored to the program, but they're open to any market-goer.

"We hope learning those skills helps better manage their chronic disease through nutrition," Woods said. "We're not only helping with the coupons, but we're educating them."

Garcia, of Traverse City, has attended every session since the market opened in May. She said that she loves to cook, and the demonstrations inspire her to get more creative in the kitchen. On Monday she learned to prepare a summer spinach berry salad — spinach is her favorite veggie — with a raspberry orange vinaigrette.

"I wouldn't know how to make a vinaigrette otherwise," Garcia said. "And it's a lot healthier than what I would normally eat."

After the session she shopped the farm stands for fresh strawberries and asparagus, all paid for with the vouchers.

"I don't always get fresh fruits and vegetables, and this supplements what I have," Garcia said.

Richard Jelenek of Buckley's Spring Hollow Farm is a regular at the Grand Traverse Commons market and accepts the vouchers as payment for his variety of veggies and herbs. He has watched people learn both how to incorporate their market purchases into their meals and about the importance of choosing high-nutrient foods, he said.

"Heavier greens and stuff that is healthy for you, it's way better than iceberg lettuce," he said.

Woods said she'll track patient numbers and how many vouchers they use during the market season. She is hopeful more people will enroll as the market's variety increases in the coming weeks.

Life & Style

All that glitters is gold: 'Stairway' may be worth millions

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The surviving members of Led Zeppelin were reunited Friday in a Los Angeles courtroom as bassist John Paul Jones testified in defense of his bandmates in a high-stakes copyright lawsuit that claims the band ripped off a riff used in "Stairway to Heaven."

Jones said he never heard the band Spirit play, never met them and didn't own any of their albums.

The estate for Spirit's late guitarist Randy Wolfe, also known as Randy California, claims Led Zeppelin lifted a passage from the instrumental "Taurus" and incorporated it in the well-known introduction to "Stairway."

If the estate is successful, it could be worth millions of dollars as the song continues to funnel a fortune to songwriters Jimmy Page and Robert Plant.

Led Zeppelin works that include "Stairway to Heaven" generated revenues of nearly $60 million over the past five years, economist Michael Einhorn testified.

In this July 13, 1985 file photo, singer Robert Plant, left, and guitarist Jimmy Page of the British rock band Led Zeppelin perform at the Live Aid concert at Philadelphia's J.F.K. Stadium. AP

Einhorn, who said he reviewed 50,000 pages of financial documents to reach that figure, conceded on cross-examination that some of the revenues came from a 2008 contract covering the band's catalog of 87 songs. Led Zeppelin lawyers contend the contract falls outside the statute of limitations and shouldn't be included in potential damages.

After Einhorn testified, the plaintiff rested its case. The defense opened with a musicologist, who cast doubt on whether the two songs are substantially similar.

While experts for the plaintiffs previously said there are many similarities between "Taurus" and the intro to the 1971 "Stairway," Lawrence Ferrara said the likeness was limited.

The main trait they shared, a notable descending minor chord progression, is common building block in songs dating back 300 years and is found throughout pop music predating Wolfe's composition from 1967 or 1968.

"It's not something anyone can own," said Ferrara, a music professor at New York University.

Ferrara picked the songs apart note by note, playing the riffs on piano and comparing them to compositions such as "My Funny Valentine" and the Beatles' "Michelle."

Comparing differences in the arrangement of the same notes in both songs was like rearranging the letters in "treason" to spell "senator," Ferrara said, noting that the succession of letters makes a difference. He said similar chord pairs other experts highlighted as important was like comparing pairings of the words "and the" in one short story to another.

"That I would not call a relevant similarity," Ferrara said.

With Page and Plant seated at the defense table for the fourth day of trial, their bandmate Jones made a brief supporting appearance.

Jones, who is no longer a defendant in the case, provided backup to Page's testimony that he had never met members of Spirit, despite opening for the band when Led Zeppelin made its U.S. debut in late 1968.

Page has said he knew some of Spirit's music and owned a couple of their albums, but he never heard "Taurus" until his son-in-law showed him comparisons to "Stairway" on the internet a few years ago.

He said he didn't even realize he owned Spirit's first album that contained "Taurus," until he looked through his collection after the comparisons surfaced.

Page acknowledged, however, that the band played a riff from the song "Fresh Garbage," also from that album, in a medley that was a concert staple when first starting out.

Jones, 70, wearing a black suit and black shirt, said he joined Led Zeppelin after his wife learned Page was starting a new group and suggested he call him. Page recruited Plant as singer and drummer John Bonham, who died in 1980.

At E3, game makers introduce more diverse heroes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—After introducing the world to several new female heroes at last year's Electronic Entertainment Expo, story-driven game makers at this week's gathering of the interactive industry are uncharacteristically putting more racially diverse protagonists front and center in their games.

From an Indian-American space dweller in "Tacoma" to a biracial Vietnam War veteran in "Mafia III," the heroes and anti-heroes appearing on the massive posters and screens across the Los Angeles Convention Center represent more ethnicities than have been showcased in the past.

"We wanted to tell a very different 'Mafia' story this time," said Christoph Hartmann, president of "Mafia" publisher 2K Games. "That meant getting away from classic 'Godfather' fare with a bunch of Italian characters. Once we decided to set the game in New Orleans in 1968, it just made sense for the character to be an African-American war vet."

For decades, when players haven't able to pick their own protagonist's skin color or background, the interactive medium has mostly focused on telling stories of white leading men and women, relegating characters of other ethnicities to villainous or supporting roles. That's changing.

"At the end of the day, this is the group that we're interested in seeing on screen," said Karla Zimonja, co-founder of "Tacoma" developer Fullbright. "It's always more interesting to pay attention to things that don't get a lot of attention in media. This is a direction that hasn't really been explored in video games, so we wanted to explore it."

A look at E3's newest stars:

LINCOLN CLAY, "MAFIA III"

"Mafia III" is heading South to a locale inspired by New Orleans in the '60s following installments centered on Italian-American gangsters in open-world versions of New York, Chicago and San Francisco spanning the '30s to the '50s. The unflinching crime world saga focuses on Lincoln Clay , a biracial orphan and Vietnam War vet, as he battles for control of the city's black mafia. He'll face off against the police, Italian mobsters and the Ku Klux Klan along the way.

AP

Gamers experience "Mafia III," an upcoming action-adventure video game developed by Hangar 13, at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

ALEX HUNTER, "FIFA 17"

A real—not virtual—black man stepped on stage at Electronic Arts' E3 presentation and introduced himself as Alex Hunter , a humble English chap with dreams of bending it like David Beckham. "FIFA 17" players will guide a computer-generated version of Hunter in the soccer series' first-ever story mode. From picking a team to conducting post-game interviews, Hunter's future is in players' hands.

AMY FERRIER, "TACOMA"

The follow-up to Fullbright's voyeuristic family drama "Gone Home" casts players as Indian-American space-faring free agent Amy Ferrier . She arrives at her new assignment on the space station Tacoma to discover its diverse six-person crew has disappeared. Ferrier, who originally hails from California, must rely on Tacoma's augmented reality system to retrace their steps and find out what happened.

MARCUS HOLLOWAY, "WATCH DOGS 2"

Aiden Pierce, the gruff vengeance-seeking Chicagoan from the original "Watch Dogs," has been replaced with Marcus Holloway , a more upbeat African-American vigilante hacker in the San Francisco-set sequel. During a demo of the Ubisoft game, the Oakland-born anti-hero breaks into a crooked politician's penthouse all while jamming to Eric B. and Rakim's "Don't Sweat The Technique."

After Turkey Radiohead attack, police tear gas protesters

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkish police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse hundreds of demonstrators protesting an attack the previous night targeting an event for Radiohead fans.

Skirmishes between police and demonstrators broke out Saturday near a record store that hosted the Radiohead event Friday night that ended in violence.

On Friday, a mob of men carrying sticks and bottles attacked Radiohead fans who had gathered at the Velvet Indieground store to listen to Radiohead's new album, A Moon Shaped Pool, according to Turkish media reports.

Rayka Simoni told the private Dogan news agency that people were drinking beer and chatting when about 20 men began to throw glass bottles at them.

Video posted online allegedly showing the attack suggested the assailants were angered by participants drinking alcohol during the holy Muslim month of Ramadan.

Radiohead issued a statement offering their "love and support" to Istanbul fans.

"We hope that someday we will be able to look back on such acts of violent intolerance as things of the ancient past," the band added.

The record shop was locked Saturday morning and posters advertising the streaming event were ripped off nearby walls.

AP

A ripped up poster advertising the streaming event of Radiohead's new album, at a record shop, in Istanbul, Saturday, June 18, 2016.

Bradley Cooper to produce Stand Up To Cancer telecast

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bradley Cooper is throwing his weight behind a Stand Up To Cancer telecast, serving as executive producer for the fundraiser airing in September.

The actor said Thursday that he's proud to be part of Stand Up To Cancer's effort to get lifesaving treatment to patients more quickly through collaborative research. He lost his father to lung cancer in 2011.

"No one is ever fully prepared to deal with the overwhelming and complex journey that comes with a cancer diagnosis," Cooper said in a statement. "Stand Up To Cancer works tirelessly to support those at the forefront of the fight against cancer."

The hourlong, commercial-free fundraiser will air Sept. 9 on 45-plus broadcast networks and cable channels in the U.S. and Canada, with celebrities and performers to be announced.

The Done and Dusted production company will join Cooper as an executive producer.

The biennial event has drawn stars including Tom Hanks and Common. Since Stand Up to Cancer was launched in 2008, it has raised more than $370 million in pledges for research, the Entertainment Industry Foundation program said.

"Stand Up To Cancer has come so far since 2008," said Katie Couric, one of its co-founders. "This effort has shown the true power of teamwork."

AP

In this Dec. 13, 2015, file photo, actor Bradley Cooper attends the world premiere of "Joy" in New York.

Chelsea Clinton gives birth to second child, son Aidan

NEW YORK (AP)—Presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton is a grandmother twice over.

Chelsea Clinton announced Saturday that she has given birth to her second child, son Aidan.

The 36-year-old daughter of former President Bill Clinton and current presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton lives in New York.

She and her hedge fund manager husband Marc Mezvinsky have a 20-month-old daughter, Charlotte. Both Charlotte and Aidan were born at Manhattan's Lenox Hill Hospital.

Mezvinsky is the son of former U.S. Rep. Edward Mezvinsky and former U.S. Rep. Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky.

On Twitter, Chelsea Clinton said the couple is "overwhelmed with gratitude and love."

Aidan is the second baby to be born to the child of a presidential candidate this year.

In March, presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka gave birth to her third child, son Theodore James.

AP

In this Feb. 9, 2011 file photo, Chelsea Clinton and husband Marc Mezvinsky attend amfAR's annual New York Gala at Cipriani Wall Street in New York.

Singer on Mexican 'The Voice' dies in Chicago after shooting

CHICAGO (AP)—A Chicago singer who appeared on the Mexican version of "The Voice" in 2011 has died after he was shot in an ambush while celebrating his birthday with friends.

The Cook County Medical Examiner's office confirmed that 45-year-old Alejandro "Jano" Fuentes died on Saturday. He was shot three times in the head late Thursday outside his Tras Bambalinas School on Chicago's southwest side.

The attack happened less than a week after the killing of Christina Grimmie, who appeared on the U.S. version of the show. Authorities say a man shot her while she was signing autographs after a performance in Orlando, Florida. The man then killed himself.

Fuentes got into his car with friends and an armed man suddenly ordered Fuentes out of that vehicle and shot him.

Police said they had no suspects in the attack. WGN television said police were investigating whether the shooting was an attempted carjacking or a robbery.

Friends of Fuentes in Chicago said they were holding a vigil and memorial for the singer at his studio in Chicago on Saturday evening.

Hip-hop artist Attrell Cordes, half of duo P.M. Dawn, dies

NEW YORK (AP)—Attrell Cordes, who formed the hip-hop duo P.M. Dawn with his brother and was also known by the name Prince Be, has died.

His representative confirmed Cordes' death on Saturday. He was 46.

"It's true," said Jeff Epstein, of Universal Attractions Agency in an email, responding to a query about the death. The performer had been suffering from renal kidney disease, People reported, and died in New Jersey.

Cordes formed P.M. Dawn in 1988 with his brother, Jarrett Cordes, also known as DJ Minutemix. Their best-known song was the 1991 "Set Adrift on Memory Bliss." The song, a No. 1 hit on the Billboard Hot 100, was remade in 1997 by the Backstreet Boys.

Another song, the 1992 "I'd Die Without You," reached No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 100.

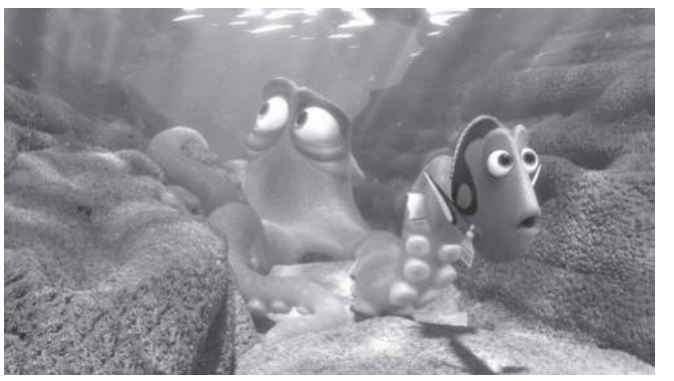
'Finding Dory' takes in a record $9.2M in Thursday previews

NEW YORK (AP)—The Pixar sequel "Finding Dory" took in $9.2 million in Thursday previews, a record for an animated film.

The strong start surpasses the best previous Thursday opening night of $6.2 million for last year's "Minions." At such a pace, "Finding Dory" should top $100 million at the weekend box office and could potentially pass "Toy Story 3" for Pixar's biggest opening. That 2010 film opened with $110.3 million.

If moviegoers really turn out for "Finding Dory," it could challenge (without accounting for inflation) the animated movie record of "Shrek the Third," which debuted with $121.6 million in 2007.

Opening night previews were once midnight screenings. But they have in recent years been moved up to earlier Thursday evening, making it possible for family-friendly films to capitalize on eager moviegoers.



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This image released by Disney shows the characters Hank, voiced by Ed O'Neill, left, and Dory, voiced by Ellen DeGeneres, in a scene from "Finding Dory."

Reluctant baby sitter resents being impressed into service

DEAR ABBY: I live with my parents and am not fond of children. My father volunteers me to baby-sit my nieces while they are right in front of us and before I have a chance to discuss anything. If I stand up for myself and say no, my father lays a guilt trip on me and tells the kids that their aunt is "being mean."

I'm grateful that my parents took me in after I graduated from university, which has allowed me to work on a second degree. However, when I am volunteered to do something I don't enjoy—like entertain the kids—my father somehow always manages to leave the house. He often lectures me about things I should do or things others should do, but he never does any of them himself. His excuse is that he works to support us financially.

Am I being ungrateful and should I grin and bear it? Or should I do an intervention with Dad when the kids aren't over?

OVERTIRED AUNT

DEAR OVERTIRED: Assuming that you have told your father your feelings, he may feel that because he supports you, he has the right to volunteer your services. What might work would be to tell your sibling how you feel about being trapped into doing it—and about kids in general. I know I wouldn't want any children of mine to be around someone who resents having to care for them. Perhaps your sibling will feel the same.

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DEAR ABBY: I have had cancer for 12 years. This will be my last year. The chemo treatment was getting stronger and making me sick longer. I told most of my siblings that I decided on no more chemo. The doctor warned my daughter eight months ago that there will be no stopping the progression of my disease.

My daughter has a lot on her plate right now, finding and buying a house, getting a new job and planning her wedding for next year. I have tried to help her plan for my death, but it only upsets her.

I feel great and better each day since I have been off the chemo. I have a positive attitude about the short future that's ahead of me. So how do I tell my daughter this is my last year?

LIVING AND LOVING LIFE IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR LIVING AND LOVING: I'm sorry about your prognosis. Few people welcome the idea of their parents' passing, but it is a subject that needs to be discussed.

A way to get the message across to your daughter would be to call a family meeting so that she will have emotional support when she hears about your decision. Announce that you are feeling better than you have in a long time because you are no longer having chemo, and make clear what your wishes are in the event of your death.

Right now your daughter is understandably focused on herself. Do not expect that she will take the news well, and be sure to have your plans in writing so there will be no confusion among family members later.

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Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

A BEE LANDED ON YOUR BACK!
A BEE?! ACCKK! GET IT AWAY!!
DON'T MOVE, AND IT WON'T STING YOU.
JUST STAND STILL AND TRY NOT TO IMAGINE THAT IT MIGHT VERY WELL CRAWL DOWN YOUR SHIRT AND INTO YOUR PANTS!
HE IMAGINED IT.
YOWW!
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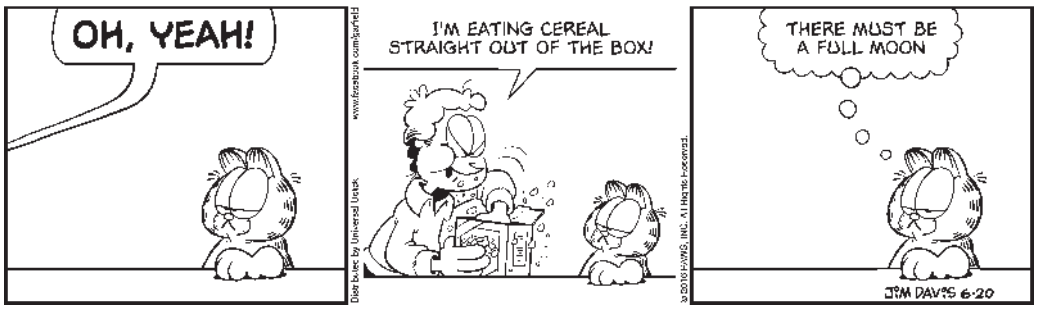
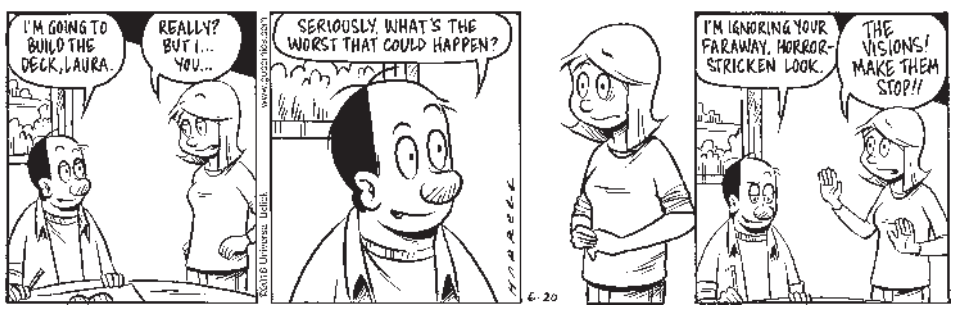
Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


I'M GOING TO BUILD THE DECK, LAURA.
REALLY? BUT I... YOU...
SERIOUSLY, WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?
I'M IGNORING YOUR FARAWAY, HORROR-STRICKEN LOOK.
THE VISIONS! MAKE THEM STOP!!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

HAVE YOU BEEN FEELING LONELY?
BOY, HAVE I.
GOOD. SINCE YOU'RE BEHIND ON YOUR BILL, MY DEBT COLLECTOR, BIFF, WILL BE GOING HOME WITH YOU.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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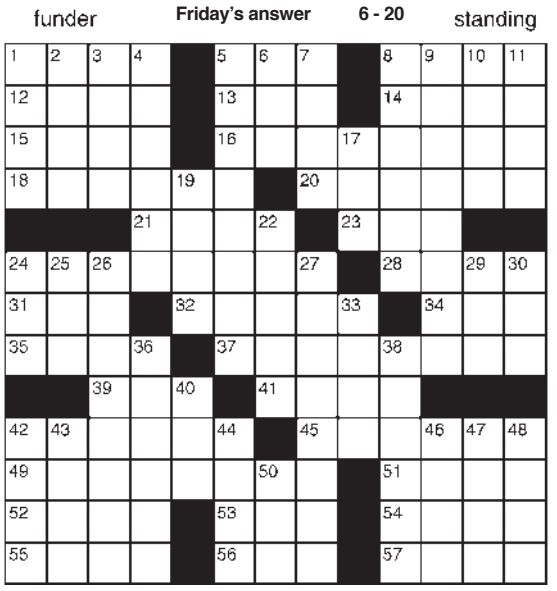

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High stakes for Warriors, Cavaliers in Game 7

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) (AP)—Stephen Curry knows that the record-setting 73 wins, awards and memorable moments that highlighted Golden State's special season will only be footnotes if the Warriors can't quickly find their missing game.

The 3-pointers have stopped falling, the swagger has gone missing and the defense has had no answers for LeBron James. After two straight losses that have forced a winner-take-all Game 7 in the NBA Finals against the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday night, the Warriors are one game away from either capping the most successful season in NBA history or the greatest Finals collapse.

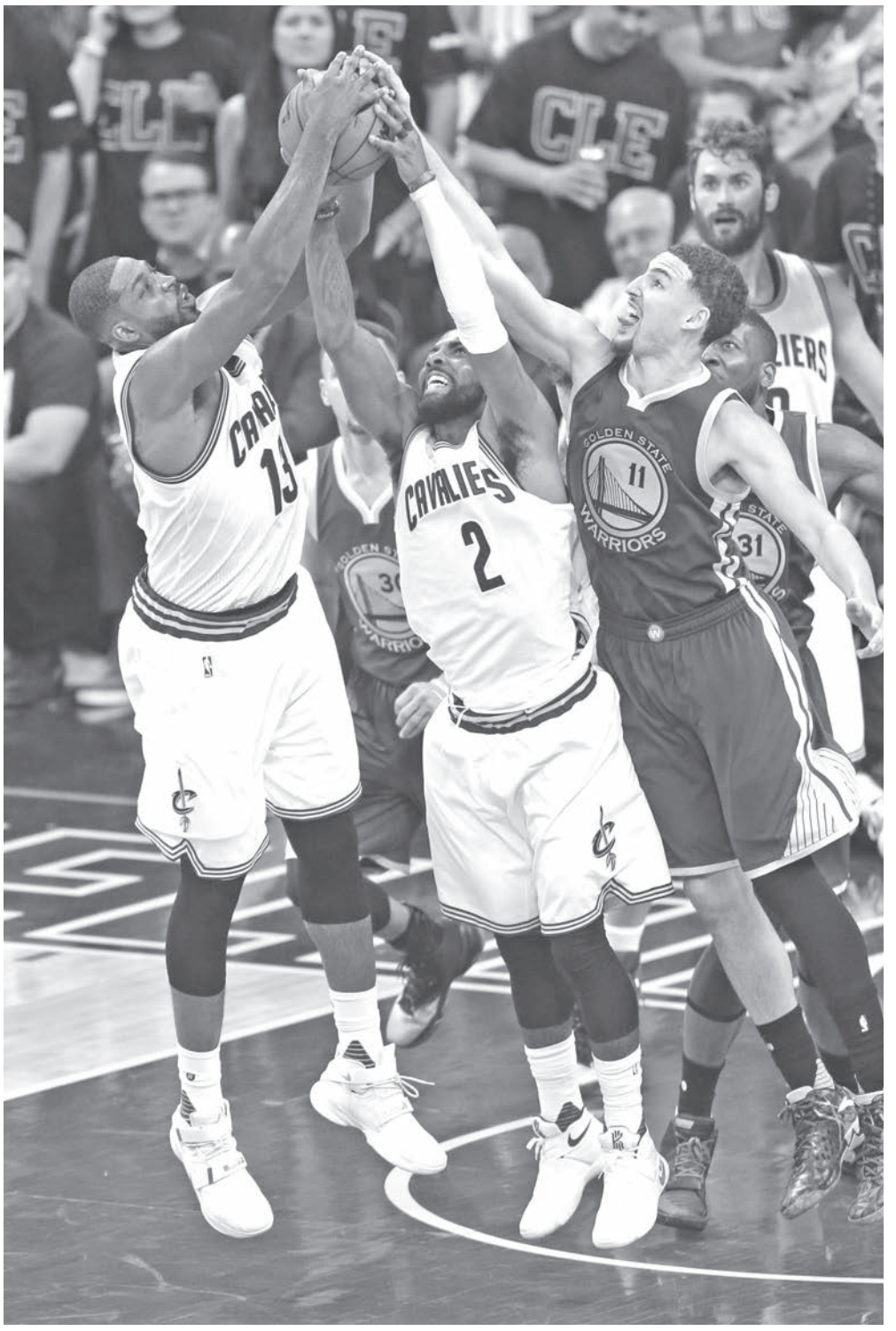
"You just don't see kind of that rhythm and that flow and just the energy that we play with the offensive end," Curry said Saturday. "Obviously, we lost Game 5 and 6, not so much because we missed open shots, but also because of our defensive breakdowns. So it's kind of you can look at and nitpick both sides. But at the end of the day, I don't know why we haven't been ourselves. ... The only thing that matters is we have one game left to figure it out."

The Warriors couldn't do it in Game 5 at home last Monday when do-everything forward Draymond Green was sidelined by a suspension. A second chance in Cleveland on Thursday night also ended in a loss with rim-protecting center Andrew Bogut out after suffering a season-ending knee injury the previous game and defensive stopper Andre Iguodala dealing with a balky back that limited his effectiveness. Iguodala received treatment Saturday while the Warriors held a light practice but is planning to play Game 7, and coach Steve Kerr expects him to be improved come game time.

Golden State's frustration boiled over with Curry's ejection for throwing his mouthpiece at a fan after fouling out and Kerr's $25,000 fine for criticizing officials. Even Curry's wife, Ayesha, got into it with a Tweet accusing the NBA of rigging the Finals, prompting Curry to quip, "I might have to cut the Wi-Fi off at my house."

But it will be no joking matter if the Warriors become the first team to lose the NBA Finals after taking a 3-1 series lead, which is one historical mark these players are looking to avoid in a season full of records led by the 73 wins after a record 24-0 start.

"When you go from up 3-1 to 3-3, it's disappointing," Kerr said. "But you get a couple of days, you kind of take stock. You think about where we are. We like our positioning. We like our chances. And we're at home with a chance to win the championship. You can't ask for much more than that."



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Cleveland Cavaliers center Tristan Thompson (13) and Kyrie Irving (2) battle for a rebound with Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson (11) during the second half of Game 6 of basketball's NBA Finals in Cleveland, Thursday, June 16, 2016.

The Finals

But the Cavaliers come into the game with James. The player known as King James since he was a high-school megastar in Akron, Ohio, has almost single-handedly moved the Cavaliers to the brink of winning the first championship in success-starved Cleveland since the Browns won the NFL title in 1964.

James brought the Cavaliers to the verge of a title with back-to-back 41-point games to stave off elimination and force this decisive final game. He has 24 rebounds, 18 assists, seven 3-pointers, six blocks and just three turnovers in the past two games and leads the series in points, rebounds, assists, blocks and steals.

"I start to learn from my mistakes and break into the film and seeing the ways that they're defending me, the ways they're defending our team, ways I can be a little more efficient," James said. "I've gotten better as the series has gone on."

After shooting 42 percent the first two games, James has shot 55 percent the past four as he has exploited the Warriors in transition and made the mid-range jumpers Golden State has ceded him.

"He'll continue to be aggressive," Warriors forward Harrison Barnes said. "He's a great player, so he's going to score. We need to take away the easy ones, a lot of them in transition, easy dunks, defensive breakdowns, not let him just get to the rim easy."

Some of those easy shots have come because of the way the Warriors have shot from long range. After setting a record with 1,077 3-pointers in the regular season, Golden State has shot just 36 percent from long range in the two potential clinchers.

Barnes has missed 10 of 11 3-pointers those games a part of a 2-of-22 shooting performance, while and Curry and fellow Splash Brother Klay Thompson have been hot and cold from distance.

Curry knows that must change Sunday if the Warriors are going to repeat as champions.

"I need to play my best game of the year if not my career because of what the stakes are," Curry said. "So that doesn't mean scoring 50 points, though. That means controlling the tempo of the game. When I need to be aggressive, well, I need to be aggressive. But when I need to push the envelope, do it, but do it under control."

LeBron will come to play, without pressure of Cleveland championship

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Right near the start Saturday, LeBron James faced a question about whether his legacy might be riding on Game 7 of these NBA Finals.

"No," he said, straight-faced.

He got asked, more than once, about carrying the burden of a championship-starved city in his native Northeast Ohio, and how he promised to bring a title to Cleveland when he came home two years ago following a successful four-year stint in Miami.

Nah, he can't have that on his mind in a moment of this magnitude.

"It's an opportunity for us to do something special," James said matter-of-factly.

The Cavaliers and all those people willing them to win just one more are counting on another spectacular, jaw-dropping outing by James in the winner-take-all Game 7 on Sunday night at Oracle Arena. They all expect it after consecutive 41-point performances by King James as Cleveland twice, improbably, staved off elimination and rallied from 3-1 down against Stephen Curry and the defending champion Warriors to even the series at 3 games apiece.

"We've got to slow him down tomorrow," Golden State's Klay Thompson said. "It's nice to get it out of his hands, obviously, but when he doesn't have the ball, try to do everything you can to not let him get it back because he's so good at making the right play. So, we'll adjust. I can't tell you what our game plan is now, but if we just force him to beat us over the top, make tough shots, we can live with it."

James has been so dominant the past two games, everybody can now envision the sweet end to 52 years of Cleveland sports heartbreak, and the city's first major championship since the Browns won a title in 1964.

"I came back for a reason, and that is to bring a championship to the city of Cleveland, to northeast Ohio and all of Ohio and all Cavaliers fans in the world," James said Saturday. "That's been one of my goals. But I don't add too much pressure on it. I go out and trust what I've been able to do, the work I've put into it, my teammates have put into it. And you go out there and see what happens."

After a pair of embarrassing blowout losses on Golden State's home floor to start the series, James vowed to himself to clean up his game, cut down on the costly turnovers and lead the Cavs back into this best-of-seven series - and, wow, has he ever done so in thrilling fashion. With spot-on passing to 3-point precision and driving, rim-rattling dunks, he made a transformation in a matter of days during these finals to put Cleveland on the cusp of a title at long last.

"I get used to it sometimes, but after you watch it on film you take in what he does out there on the court. He's everywhere," teammate J.R. Smith said. "To be able to lead the finals in every statistical category is pretty much amazing. Nobody could have done that. I try not to get star struck and watch it."

Now, James reiterated, what happens next is not all under his control. He could play his best game ever, and still lose.

That 1-2 punch of James and Kyrie Irving is one thing. They each scored 41 points to stun Golden State 112-97 at Oracle Arena in Game 5 last Monday night.

Getting shooting guard Smith and others involved might make the difference if the Cavs are going to hold off the deep, 73-win Warriors at home again. Smith had 14 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals in a 115-101 Game 6 win Thursday.

"When we get that third scorer from J.R., we're tough to beat," coach Tyronn Lue said.

So far, the Warriors haven't had an answer for James and his talented supporting cast.

"They haven't made any adjustments yet to see what we can do differently. But just got to be prepared for everything," Lue said. "LeBron is just LeBron being LeBron. We know he's very capable of being special every single night."

Oh, and James also was invited Saturday to weigh in on whether he should be the MVP win or lose.

"Last time I answered a question about MVP, it didn't go that well for me," he said, finally let his guard down a bit and laughing, in reference to a scrutinized response about Curry's award last month. "So, I'm not going to do it."

Lowry on top at US Open; Don't count Day out yet

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP)— Stalled by rain, the U.S. Open is almost back on schedule. And when another marathon day finally ended Saturday with Shane Lowry of Ireland atop the leaderboard at Oakmont, it was more chaotic than ever.

None of the six players who remained under par has ever won a major championship.

Lee Westwood and Sergio Garcia, who between them have played in 142 majors without winning, were only three shots behind.

Andrew Landry, in his first U.S. Open, didn't look the least bit rattled and was two shots back.

And then there was Dustin Johnson, no stranger to suffering in the majors. He had the 36-hole lead, started the third round late Saturday afternoon by stuffing his approach to 5 feet for birdie, and then hit his next tee shot so far left that it went over a counter of lemonade glasses and into a concession stand, the ball settling next to a blue tub filled with bags of ice. He nearly made birdie. Bogeys followed and he also was three shots behind.

Jason Day worked himself back into the mix. Jordan Spieth did not.

Through it all, Lowry looked poised as ever. With a chance to give Irish golf its 10th major in 10 years, he ended the day at 5-under par through 14 holes when darkness suspended the final round. He was thrilled to stop and catch his breath. And he can't wait to get back out at 7 a.m. Sunday.

"We all know that this course can jump up and bite you in a split second," Lowry said. "So yeah, I'm two ahead with 22 holes left. Let's not get ahead of ourselves. These are the best golfers in the world behind me. I have to go out there and do what I've been doing all week. I'm really looking forward to tomorrow. This is exactly where you want to be. I've been beating myself up over the last six months trying to get in this position.

"I'm here now. I might as well enjoy it while I'm here."

It wasn't so enjoyable earlier in the day when he was lining up a 30-foot birdie putt and nudged the ball with his putter. It moved ever so slightly, enough for Lowry to see, and he turned in disgust to call over an official, then held the putter behind his neck as if he wanted to snap it.

He took the one-shot penalty and then saved his mood with an 8-foot bogey putt.

"To hole that second putt was massive for me and massive for my whole day," Lowry said.

After two of the longest days brought on by three rain delays in the opening round, Sunday becomes a sprint.

Landry, the 28-year-old qualifier who has never been on a stage remotely this big, didn't flinch when he had the 18-hole lead or when he played alongside Johnson, who can intimidate with athleticism and power off the tee.

"No nerves, very comfortable," he said after finishing at 3 under through 13 holes.

The leader in the clubhouse when the day ended was Branden Grace, who last year at Chambers Bay was tied for the lead until he hit 3-wood onto the train track and out-of-bounds for a double bogey that cost him. Good news for the South African: A train can be heard from Oakmont, but not hit.

Grace pieced together a 66 to reach 1-under 209, four shots behind Lowry.

The most intriguing character is Johnson because of his long list of heartache in the majors, particularly last year at Chambers Bay in the U.S. Open when he was 12 feet away from winning and took three putts to finish one shot behind Spieth.

He had made only one bogey in 36 holes until it began to get away from him - a double bogey on No. 3 when a chip came back to his feet, a bogey from the bunker on the par-3 sixth, a sloppy bogey on the tough 10th hole with a wedge that came up woefully short.

Johnson remained optimistic as ever.

For the better part of three days it was difficult for even the most dedicated follower of golf to figure out just what was going on in a U.S. Open turned upside down at Oakmont Country Club.

Day needed most of that time to figure things out himself.

The world's best player tapped in for a routine par on his final hole Saturday as the shadows lengthened over Oakmont, and it was finally time to start trying to make sense of this Open. He was in the clubhouse with three full rounds under his belt, which for many on this day was accomplishment enough.

Still, Day had his sights set on something more.

Something like a U.S. Open trophy to add to his ever growing collection of golf hardware.

"All I want to do is try to win the tournament," Day said. "I think I've given myself an opportunity getting there."

That might sound a bit optimistic, given that Day was six shots behind Lowry and Oakmont is showing signs of firming up and getting tougher. The reality is there probably won't be four birdies and an eagle out there for Day like he made on his way to a 4-under 66 that vaulted him up the leaderboard in the third round.

But if there's anything the other players ahead of him must keep in mind Sunday is that Day understands how to win. Understands it so well that he did it seven times in the last calendar year, including the PGA Championship for his first major title.

Add in the fact that he has got three rounds in the bank and almost everyone ahead of him still must go out Sunday morning to complete their third rounds, and suddenly the scenario doesn't seem so improbable at all.

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Shane Lowry, of Republic of Ireland, reacts to his putt on the seventh hole during the rain delayed second round of the U.S. Open golf championship at Oakmont Country Club on Saturday, June 18, 2016, in Oakmont, Pa.

Lincecum wins in return to majors, pitches Angels past A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)— Tim Lincecum made a winning return to the majors, restarting his career after nearly a year away with six sharp innings and several ovations as the Los Angeles Angels beat the Oakland Athletics, 7-1, Saturday.

Sporting a bright red hat and Angels jersey that was in stark contrast to the black and orange he wore across the Bay Bridge for nine seasons with San Francisco, Lincecum gave up one run and four hits.

The two-time NL Cy Young Award winner hadn't pitched in the majors since last June 27. He had hip surgery in September, signed with the Angels in May and made three starts in the minors.

Mike Trout homered, doubled and drove in three runs to help Los Angeles to its third win in four games. Ryan Dull (1-2) lost in relief.

Diamondbacks 4, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, Arizona ace Zack Greinke won his seventh straight start by pitching three-hit ball for eight innings.

Paul Goldschmidt, Jake Lamb and Nick Ahmed homered for the Diamondbacks. Greinke (10-3) allowed one run, struck out six and walked one.

Giants 6, Rays 4

In St. Petersburg, Joe Panik had four RBI, including a tiebreaking three-run homer in the ninth inning that sent San Francisco to its seventh straight win.

Panik hit a two-out drive off Alex Colome (1-2) for the NL West leaders.

Padres 7, Nationals 3

In San Diego, Wil Myers had three hits and drove in three runs, keying a six-run rally in the eighth inning that carried San Diego to the victory.

Kevin Quackenbush (4-3) allowed an RBI single in one-third of an inning for the win.

Cubs 4, Pirates 3

In Chicago, Anthony Rizzo, Kris Bryant and David Ross homered, powering Chicago to the victory.

The major league-leading Cubs (46-20) improved to a season-high 26 games above .500 while the Pirates lost for the ninth time in 10 games.

Braves 4, Mets 3

In New York, Ender Inciarte used his speed to help Atlanta to its fourth straight win, matching its longest streak this year.

Jeff Francoeur and Tyler Flowers homered for the Braves, who overcame a 3-0 deficit.

Dodgers 10, Brewers 6

In Los Angeles, Justin Turner hit a three-run drive for his third homer in two nights, helping Los Angeles rally for the win.

Turner ignited the Dodgers' comeback by sending a 1-1 pitch from Chase Anderson (4-7) high over the left-field wall for his ninth homer of the season.

Royals 16, Tigers 5

In Kansas City, Kendrys Morales drove in five runs with four hits, and the Royals cruised to the victory.

The Royals' 21 hits and 16 runs were season highs.

Rangers 4, Cardinals 3

In St. Louis, Ian Desmond hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the ninth inning, sending the Rangers to their fifth consecutive win.

Texas won its franchise-record ninth consecutive series . The Cardinals have lost four straight.

Red Sox 6, Mariners 2

In Boston, Xander Bogaerts and Jackie Bradley Jr. homered to lead Rick Porcello and the Red Sox.

Bogaerts, who entered the day leading the AL in batting, also singled while raising his average to .352.

Orioles 4, Blue Jays 2

In Baltimore, Jonathan Schoop homered, doubled and singled while Yovani Gallardo and the Baltimore bullpen helped end Toronto's four-game winning streak.

Gallardo (2-1) allowed two runs in five innings.

Yankees 7, Twins 6

In Minneapolis, Jacoby Ellsbury hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the ninth inning and New York, boosted by Alex Rodriguez's 695th career homer, rallied past Minnesota.

Andrew Miller (4-0) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win.

Indians 13, White Sox 2

In Cleveland, Mike Napoli homered during a five-run first inning as Cleveland became the latest team to tee off on James Shields.

Rookie Tyler Naquin homered and drove in a career-high four runs.

Marlins 9, Rockies 6

In Miami, Giancarlo Stanton singled in his first three at-bats to give his lowly average a boost, and the Marlins totaled 17 hits in the win.

Astros 5, Reds 4, 11 innings

In Houston, George Springer hit an RBI single in the 11th inning to lift Houston to the victory.

Scott Feldman (4-3) allowed two hits in two scoreless innings for the win.

Messi scores in Argentina's win; Chile routs Mexico

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Lionel Messi made his first start of the Copa America tournament and tied a national record with his 54th international goal as Argentina defeated Venezuela 4-1 on Saturday to set up a semifinal match against the United States.

In Saturday's other quarterfinal, Eduardo Vargas scored a career-high four goals and Edson Puch added two as Chile, the defending Copa America champions, routed Mexico 7-0.

Messi's goal in the 60th minute gave Argentina a 3-0 lead and equaled the Argentine record for most international goals set by Gabriel Batistuta, according to Argentina's governing body. The Barcelona star also took over the Copa America scoring lead with his fourth goal of the tournament.

Argentina now has two days to rest before playing the U.S. in Houston on Tuesday. The Americans have been off since beating Ecuador on Thursday.

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Argentina's Lionel Messi, top, celebrates a goal by Gonzalo Higuain (9) during the first half of a Copa America Centenario quarterfinal soccer match against Venezuela on Saturday, June 18, 2016, in Foxborough, Mass.

With many in the Foxborough, Massachusetts, stadium wearing No. 10 from Messi's national team and La Liga jerseys, the five-time FIFA Player of the Year started the game after playing a total of just 74 minutes in the three group stage matches.

Just eight minutes in, he connected with Gonzalo Higuain on a long entry pass to make it 1-0.

"He knows that he's a game-changing player," Argentina coach Geraldo Martino said. "Everybody's trying to cancel him. But he knows when to play one against one. He knows when to pass the ball to other players."

Higuain scored again in the 28th to make it 2-0. Messi then padded the lead in the 60th after taking a pass from Nicolas Gaitan just outside the 6-meter box.

Venezuela finally beat Argentina goalkeeper Sergio Romero in the 70th minute when Salomon Rondon headed the ball in, nicking the post on the way. But Erik Lamela scored a minute later to make it 4-1.

Argentina is 6-2-2 against the U.S., with the teams last playing to a 1-1 draw in a 2011 friendly in New Jersey. The last American win was in a 1999 friendly.

Recovering from a back injury, Messi sat out the group stage opener this year and played just 29 minutes against Panama—but still managed to record a hat trick. He came on as a second-half substitute in the group stage finale against Bolivia.

Messi played the entire game on Saturday, despite getting a scare when he was taken down from behind in the first half and was slow to get up.

In Santa Clara, California, thousands of Mexico's frustrated "fanaticos" were already long gone by the time El Tri's worst defeat in a competitive match finally ended, along with its team-record unbeaten streak at 22 matches. It occurred almost a year to the day since Mexico's previous loss, to Ecuador in the Copa group stage.

US will have depth of roster tested in semis

SEATTLE (AP)—When Jurgen Klinsmann started experimenting with his roster following the 2014 World Cup, the U.S. coach did it with the hope of building more depth for the next four-year cycle.

The quality of his reserves is about to get tested in a big way after the United States advanced to the semifinals of the Copa America for just the second time. The U.S. will be missing three suspended starters: midfielders Jermaine Jones and Alejandro Bedoya, and forward Bobby Wood.

"Our program is maturing. Our players are maturing. They are learning with every game that we can play in this type of environment," Klinsmann said after Thursday's 2-1 quarterfinal win over Ecuador. "This is what we hoped for after breaking through in Brazil after getting out of the group of death. Hopefully we can find a couple of youngsters coming and keep the older ones on board and keep them going, push them. ... We've brought a few youngsters along the way the last few years and they've made a huge step forward tonight."

The U.S. will play the winner of Saturday night's quarterfinal between top-ranked Argentina and Venezuela, with the semifinal set for Tuesday in Houston.

Jones was sent off with a red card early in the second half against Ecuador, and forward Bobby Wood and winger Alejandro Bedoya both picked up their second yellow cards of the tournament, The U.S. Soccer Federation has appealed Jones' red and Wood's second yellow.

"It's tough," Bedoya said. "But we knew going into this game that some of us were on yellow cards. We all spoke before and if we miss the semis, who cares? The most important thing was getting to the semis and we did that."

Klinsmann made two changes before the quarterfinal against Ecuador due to DeAndre Yedlin's red card, inserting Matt Besler at left back and moving Fabian Johnson to right back.

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foe, 4-6, but remained in contention for a finals ticket after escaping with a 7-6 (6) in the second. In the deciding third set, Lee picked up where she left off for an easy 6-1 win.

Lee's victory foiled an all-Australia finale in the division. Actually, the CNMI junior player was the only non-Aussie in the Final Four cast. The Land Down Under's Lisa Mays and Stella Cliffe were the other semifinalists with the former and top-ranked in the field winning the battle for the finals slot at the upper half of the draw, 6-1, 6-2. Mays eventually took the singles championship after ending Lee's series of wins in the finale, 6-3, 6-4.

After missing her first ITF Juniors crown last Friday, the 14-year-old Lee returned to the court the following day to partner with Palau's Ayana Rengiil and face the Japanese pair of Otoha Aoki and Koharu Niimi in the doubles finale. The Japan bets went on to sweep the Pacific Ocenia duo, but the latter pair fought hard before losing, 5-7, 4-6.

Earlier in the semifinals, Lee and Rengiil romped past No. 4 Sophie Maho Hamada and Kokomi Koyama , 6-0, 6-2, to deny Japan a 1-2 finish in the doubles contest. The other Final Four pairing saw the unraked Aoki and Koharu stunning No. 3 Bishop and New Zealand's Janvhi Clark, 6-4, 6-1.

Lee and Rengiil barged into the semis following a close 7-6 (3), 3-6, 10-6 quarterfinal victory over Australia's IvyMclean and Holly Stewart, while the former pair's fellow Pacific Oceania Touring Team members Isabel Heras and Tania Tan lost to Bishop and Clark, 3-6, 1-6. Tan and Heras advanced to the Round of 8 after ousting Australia's Luciana Kunkle and Mia Katharina Savio, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Meanwhile, Lee's finals stints in New Caledonia were first times as she just made it to the semifinals (and lost) twice in her earlier ITF Juniors events.

She bowed to Hong Kong's Claudia Ng in their Final Four showdown, 3-6, 2-6, in the Oceania Open Junior Championships in Fiji, in August 2015. Then in November last year, Lee joined the Singapore ITF Junior Championships and also moved into the semifinals, but she and the host's Charmaine Seah fell to China's Xin Yu Wang and Tingting Pei, 6-7 (4), 1-6.

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31 to 40's Florante Tacras and Ayano Braxton; 41 to 50's Ronald Villafria and Tomomi Sato; 51 to 60's Florence Antonio and Marie Sablan; and 61 and up's Chang Wan Jang and Suzy Kindel. Seventy-one runners registered for the 7K course.

In the 3K race, there were 74 participants with Japan's Kozuke Sato leading the finishers list after timing in at 13:02. Claire Devey was the women's top finisher after submitting 15:13.

In the age groups contests, Takeru Jim and Ayaka Sato shared the top honors in the U12 category, while Leo Cristobal, who was the second overall finisher with his 13:13, won the men's 13 to 19 division, and Jan Cruz ruled the women's field.

Completing the first finishers list in the different divisions were 20 to 30's Angelo Tiamzon and Genna Montes; 31 to 40's Jeremy Seelinger and Rowena Sison; 41 to 50's Nathaniel Eugenio and Atsuko Sato; 51 to 60's Daniel Calvo and Corina Arzadon, and 61 and up's Richard Pierce and Guadalupe Sabino.

The 3K race had the same start/finish point with a turnaround at the 13 Fishermen in Beach Road.

"We would like to thank all the runners and the volunteers for coming out and supporting this annual event. We will be back next year with a bigger and better race and of course with lots of raffle prizes," said event announcer and DFS/T Galleria assistant general manager Ben Babauta.

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Isabel Garcia and Anne Skilling rounded out the Top 3 in the doubles as they earned a 1-2 mark in the competition following a 6-1, 6-1 victory over compatriot Tatiana Panuelo and Guam's Jocelyn Tenai.

In the girls U14 singles, it was another all-CNMI affair with Miyawaki again taking the long route to the Promised Land after slipping past Raulerson in a super-tiebreaker third set finale last Saturday. Miyawaki cruised to a 6-2 win in the first set, but met a tough opposition in the second as Raulerson eked out a 6-4 victor to keep her title hopes alive. The deciding third was neck and neck in the early phase before Miyawaki gained momentum in the homestretch for a 10-6 title win.

With the victory, Miyawaki lived up to high expectations, as she was seeded first in the girls U14 singles. Joining Miyawaki and the third-seeded Raulerson in the Top 3 was No. 2 pick Conatsu, who finished third after sweeping Gregoire in the consolation match, 6-1, 6-1, last Friday. Earlier, last Thursday, Raulerson and Miyawaki downed Gregoire, 6-2, 6-0, and Conatsu. 6-1, 6-1, respectively, to arrange their final duel.

Meanwhile, the CNMI nearly swept the girls singles championships in the regional tournament as Conatsu's younger sister, Coume, bagged the U12 tiara. FSM's Sunshine Palik spoiled the host's bid to dominate the finals after getting back at Grace Choi in the girls U16 title match.

Coume notched the girls U12 singles championship after outclassing FSM's Ridianne Wolphagen, 6-3, 6-0. The CNMI bet made it to the finals after a similar straight set win over compatriot Marielle Lopez, 6-0, 6-1, while Wolphagen moved into the title match following a 6-3, 6-4 triumph over Guam's Kaia Malikooti. The Guam player settled for the third place honors in the singles division after a victory via walkover against Lopez.

In the doubles, Malikooti and Wolphagen denied Coume the sweep when they topped the singles champion and her partner Anika Camacho in the title deciding match last Friday, 0-6, 6-4, 10-8. Going into the weekend tiff, the pairs of Coume and Camacho and Malikooti and Wolphagen held identical 3-0 records.

In the girls U16 singles, Palik, who was stunned by Choi in their pool play match early last week, 2-6, 4-6, avenged her lone loss in the tournament following an impressive 6-0, 6-0 victory in the finals. Palik's sweep of Choi came just a few days after she eliminated another CNMI player in Mimi Sakano in the semis, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-1. Choi, on the other hand, took only two sets to knock out Anika Sachdev, 6-0, 6-2, to set up a finals date with Palik.

Despite falling short in their singles bids, Choi and Sakano still finished the tournament as champions after ruling the round-robin doubles competition. The CNMI pair went undefeated in three games, seling the division championship last Friday after dominating Guam's Alyssia Merletti and Victoria Smith, 6-0, 6-2.

Besides the girls doubles and singles finals, the regional tournament also had the title deciding matches in the boys division over the weekend and complete results will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

23rd Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run

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Participants in the 3K event of last Saturday's 23rd Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run head out to the course.

T Galleria's Ben Babauta leads runners crossing the street as they prepare for the start of the race.

The second wave of 3K runners leaves the starting line across T Galleria.

The last wave of runners heads out to the course.

Takeru Jim leads a female runner in the 3K course.

Leo Cristobal keeps his pace as he nears completion of the 3K course.

Dan Calvo gestures as he is about to finish the 3K race.

Three runners head to the finish line.

A runner sprints ahead of two others.

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Malika sweeps singles, doubles titles

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Malika Miyawaki stretches for a return to Asia Raulerson during their girls U14 singles title match in the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club courts.

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Malika Miyawaki had a double celebration over the weekend after winning both the singles and doubles crowns in the girls U14 age group competition in the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships.

Miyawaki first clinched the doubles crown with partner Conatsu Kaga after surviving a super-tiebreaker third set match against fellow CNMI players Asia Raulerson and Maria Gregoire last Friday at the Pacific Islands Club court. The eventual champions drew first blood with a 6-3 victory in the opening set, but failed to close out the match as Gregoire and Raulerson came out swinging in the second with an emphatic 6-1 triumph. With the game tied a set apiece, the two Commonwealth pairs had to play an extended game, which went down to the wire with Miyawaki and Kaga pulling off a 12-10 win.

The newly crowned doubles champions finished the rebound-robin contest with a 3-0 record, while Raulerson and Gregoire ended up with a 2-1 mark. The Federated States of Micronesia's

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Lee earns 2 finals stints in New Caledonia

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Carol Lee nearly claimed her first ITF Juniors title after her back-to-back finals appearances in the 2016 Open Junior BNP PARIBAS de Nouvelle-Caledonie in Noumea, New Caledonia over the weekend.

Lee booked a finals berth in the singles event of the Grade 5 tournament after eliminating Australia's Madison Bishop in a three-set semis match. The second-ranked Lee dropped the opening set to her No. 5 seed

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The CNMI's Carol Lee, left, and Palau's Ayana Rengiil, pose with their runner-up trophies in the doubles event of the 2016 Open Junior BNP PARIBAS de Nouvelle-Caledonie held last week in Noumea, New Caledonia.

Mamiko leads Silver Streak finishers

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Veteran runner Mamiko Berger showed the way in last Saturday's 23rd Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run.

Mamiko was the overall winner in the 7K course that started and ended across T Galleria with a turnaround point at the Quartermaster Road. She completed the longer race in the weekend event held in memory of former DFS president Tom Picarro in 26:52. According to Mamiko's husband, Joshua, who also did the 7K course, it was her first overall victory in the annual race. Last year, Mamiko was the first women finisher, but her 26:21 was just second behind first-timer and 2015 champion Jack Stewart (25:44).

Sharing the top honors with Mamiko this year was men's overall champion Cesar Danao, who crossed the finish line at the 27:58 mark. The men's and women's overall finishers received gifts from organizers T Galleria. The first placers in each age group also got prizes from the race organizer. In the boys U12 division, Dino Sato was the top finisher, while Jerome Diyco and Angel Marie Tan ruled the men's and women's 13 to 19 division.

Rounding out the top placers were 20 to 30's Rommel Atienza and Tinsley Hallman;

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Participants in the 7K race of last Saturday's 23rd Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run head out to the course.